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Method and Apparatus for Arranging Flexible and Cost-Efficient Private Air Travel

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Technical Field

The present invention relates to air travel, and more particularly, to a method and apparatus for providing flexible, cost efficient private air travel.

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Background to the Invention

Private air travel has conventionally been provided in three different ways. An individual (such as an individual person, business, organization or association) may purchase an aircraft and thus acquire full ownership of the aircraft. An individual may purchase part of an aircraft, a situation commonly referred to as fractional ownership. An individual may also hire or rent an aircraft through a charter company. Each of these situations involves its own cost considerations and use restrictions.

Full ownership includes amortization of aircraft acquisition cost as well as flight crew and maintenance charges. Further direct operating costs include fuel, taxes, catering and landing fees. The individual owner is limited to the use of a dedicated aircraft and ultimately pays for total available aircraft flight hours, whether or not the aircraft is utilized.

In the second situation, buyers purchase a share in an airplane. Generally, shares in a business airplane range from one-sixteenth to one-half of the total price of the plane. The buyer is guaranteed a proportional number of flight hours and charged a per-flight hour fee as well as a monthly maintenance fee. If a buyer exceeds that number of hours, more hours may be purchased at a premium rate. Thus, fractional ownership includes the cost of acquiring the fractional share, a monthly management fee, an hourly rate fee, and a residual fee at the completion of the acquisition term. The share purchased commits the owner to a predetermined annual number of flight hours in a specified aircraft

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type, regardless of whether the shareowner's needs change, and the owner cannot fly multiple simultaneous missions. Further, response time for a shareowner's flight request is typically at least six hours.

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Charter situations include an hourly flight rate and a positioning charge if the passenger or customer is not departing from the charter operator's flight base. Additionally, one-way flights are usually performed at round trip prices because the charter carrier cannot leave an aircraft at a remote location to await the passenger's future return. The customer must locate a charter company that serves the desired destination, the desired aircraft type, or both. A limited charter fleet size often limits service flexibility, hence it is difficult to serve one-way flight requirements. Further, the response time for a customer or passenger's flight request varies drastically depending on the charter carrier, and there are few carriers that operate on a national scale.

Summary of the Invention

In accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, a method for providing private air travel to a plurality of customers includes establishing a pool of aircraft service providers and obtaining an aircraft service request from each customer. The aircraft service request includes a set of customer specified parameters relating the customer's flight. One or more aircraft that conform to each set of customer-specified parameters is selected from the pool of aircraft service providers and matched to each aircraft service request, in accordance with the customer-specified parameters, in a manner that minimizes the occurrence of passenger-less flights.

The method may further comprise receiving one or more service requests through a web page, and/or providing a travel card to one or more of the customers wherein the travel card represents a pre-purchased amount of private aircraft service.

In accordance with another embodiment of the invention, a travel card for

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providing private air travel to a customer includes a first face and a second face, the first face including thereon an identification number for identifying a customer authorized to use the travel card and a designation representing a prepurchased allotment of private aircraft service. In a related embodiment, the first face or the second face may include thereon a designation representing a predetermined number of private aircraft service upgrades that are redeemable at the option of the customer. The first face or the second face may also include thereon a magnetic strip that enables the card to be read by a magnetic strip reader. In yet another related embodiment, the travel card may further comprise a processor and a memory disposed between the first face and the second face, and the memory may retain data pertinent to the customer's private aircraft service preferences and/or data pertinent to the customer's medical preferences, medical conditions or catering preferences. The memory may also retain data pertinent to the customer's post-flight or pre-flight travel preferences. In a further related embodiment, the processor may include program code for establishing a communication link to a computer network when the program code is read by a computer, and the network may provide a communication link to a private air travel contractor.

In accordance with another embodiment of the invention, a graphical user interface for providing private air travel to a customer includes a request module, a selection module, and a payment module. The request module provides a request interface containing fields for entering private aircraft travel request information, and the payment module provides a payment interface through which the customer may enter private aircraft travel payment information. The selection module provides a selection interface that displays information regarding the availability of aircraft that satisfy the customer's travel request information. In accordance with a related embodiment, the graphical user interface may also include a tracking module that provides a tracking interface for displaying information regarding a flight status to a customer. In

accordance with another related embodiment, the graphical user interface may also include an account module that provides an account interface for displaying information relevant to a private air travel customer's personal account.

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In accordance with another embodiment of the invention, a graphical user interface for providing private air travel to a plurality of customers includes a search module that provides an interface whereby a user may locate, in substantially real time, an aircraft that satisfies travel requirements of each customer. The graphical user interface also includes a tracking module that provides an interface whereby the user may track the flight progress of one or more aircraft that may satisfy travel requirements of each customer. In a related embodiment, the graphical user interface may also include a flight entry module that provides an interface containing fields for creating a flight for each customer and generating an interface for displaying a calender of updated flights in accordance with the entry of each flight created. In further related embodiments, the graphical user interface may also include a flight information module that provides an interface for displaying information regarding aircraft availability to the user; a payment module that provides a payment interface containing fields by which a user may enter customer payment information; and/or a report module that provides an interface whereby a user may generate a flight report.

In accordance with another embodiment of the invention, a system for providing private air travel to a plurality of customers includes means for communicating with a plurality of aircraft service providers, the aircraft service providers supplying a plurality of aircraft types from a plurality of locations and means for communicating with each customer, each customer providing an itinerary for private air travel, such that at least one aircraft from the plurality of aircraft service providers is matched to the itinerary in a manner that minimizes the occurrence of passenger-less flights.

In accordance with a further embodiment of the invention, a computer program product for providing a database for providing private air travel to a

plurality of customers, the computer program product comprising a computer readable medium having computer code thereon, includes program code for receiving data regarding aircraft provided by at least one satellite dish and at least one computer network, and program code for storing the data provided by the satellite dish and the computer network.

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In accordance with a yet another embodiment of the invention, a method for providing private air travel to a plurality of customers includes receiving data relevant to a plurality of aircraft owned by a plurality of aircraft service providers via a first communication link, and receiving data relevant to a plurality of customer service requests via a second communication link. The data received from the first and second communication links is saved to a storage medium and analyzed in order to match at least one aircraft to each customer service request in a manner that minimizes the occurrence of passenger-less flights.

In accordance with another embodiment of the invention, a method for providing travel services including private air travel to a plurality of customers includes providing a pre-purchased allotment of private air travel to one or more of the customers and receiving a travel service request from each customer, wherein the travel service request includes customer-specified flight parameters. The method also includes providing an aircraft that satisfies the customer-specified flight parameters for each customer's travel service request. The value of the travel service is debited from the pre-purchased allotment of private air travel for each customer provided with a pre-purchased allotment.

Brief Description of the Figures

The foregoing features of the invention will be more readily understood by reference to the following detailed description taken with the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is block diagram illustrating a system for providing private air travel

in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention;

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Fig. 2 is an illustration of a graphical user interface which may be used to provide private air travel in accordance with an embodiment of the invention;

Fig. 3 is an illustration of an aircraft locator interface for conducting a search for aircraft in accordance with another embodiment of the invention;

Fig. 4 is an illustration of an interface by which a user may view the results of the search conducted in accordance with the embodiment of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is an illustration of a aircraft location display interface in accordance with the embodiment of Fig. 3;

Fig. 6 is an illustration of airport locator display interface in accordance with the embodiment of Fig. 3;

Fig. 7 is an illustration of a graphical user interface for tracking one or more aircraft in accordance with the embodiment of Fig. 3;

Fig. 8 is an illustration of an interface for viewing the tracked aircraft in accordance the embodiment of Figs. 3 and 7;

Fig. 9 is an illustration of an interface for viewing tracked aircraft in a particular geographical region accordance with the embodiment of Figs. 3, 7 and 8;

Fig. 10 is an illustration of a web page providing a graphical user interface to a customer in accordance with another embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 11 is a graphical illustration of a travel card in accordance with another embodiment of the invention;

Fig. 12 is a flow chart illustrating a method for providing private air travel in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 13 is a flow chart illustrating the method of Fig. 11 detailing pre-flight procedures;

Fig. 14 s a flow chart illustrating the method of Fig. 11 detailing post-flight procedures;

Fig. 15 is an illustration showing login icon on a pull down menu of the

flight command center module in accordance with an embodiment of the invention;

- Fig. 16 is an illustration showing a login interface in accordance with the icon of Fig. 15;
- Fig. 17 is an illustration showing a user password interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
 - Fig. 18 is an illustration showing a command center application menu of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
 - Fig. 19 is an illustration showing navigation bars used in accordance with the flight command center module of Fig. 15;

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- Fig. 20 is an illustration showing screen view pull down menu of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
- Fig. 21 is an illustration showing a user help pull down menu of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
- Fig. 22 is an illustration showing a customer information pull down menu of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
 - Fig. 23 is an illustration showing a customer information interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
 - Fig. 24 is an illustration showing a customer search interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
 - Fig. 25 is an illustration showing a customer action detail interface of a flight command center module of Fig. 15;
 - Fig. 26 is an illustration showing a customer action interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
- Fig. 27 is an illustration showing a customer preferences interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
 - Fig. 28 is an illustration showing a customer references interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
 - Fig. 29 is an illustration showing a complimentary upgrade report

interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;

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Fig. 30 is an illustration showing an options pull down menu of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;

- Fig. 31 is an illustration showing a travel card information interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
- Fig. 32 is an illustration showing a travel card/customer balance information interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
- Fig. 33 is an illustration showing a travel card referral interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
- Fig. 34 is an illustration showing an aircraft information interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
 - Fig. 35 is an illustration showing an aircraft photograph interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
 - Fig. 36 is an illustration showing an aircraft feedback interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
 - Fig. 37 is an illustration showing an aircraft search interface of a search and notification module associated with the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
 - Fig. 38 is an illustration showing a display by which a user may view the results of a search conducted using the search interface of Fig. 37;
 - Fig. 39 is an illustration showing an airport information interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
 - Fig. 40 is an illustration showing an airport locator interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
- Fig. 41 is an illustration showing an aircraft service provider information interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
 - Fig. 42 is an illustration showing an aircraft service provider search interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;
 - Fig. 43 is an illustration showing an address/city selection interface of the

flight command center module of Fig. 15;

Fig. 44 is an illustration showing a flight information pull down menu of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;

Fig. 45 is an illustration showing a flight worksheet interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;

Fig. 46 is an illustration showing flight report interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;

Fig. 47 is an illustration showing a month view of a flight calendar interface of the flight command center module of Fig. 15;

Fig. 48 is an illustration showing week view of the flight calendar interface of Fig. 47;

Fig. 49 is an illustration showing a day view of the flight calendar interface Fig. 47;

Fig. 50 is an illustration showing a grid view of the flight calendar interface of Fig. 47;

Fig. 51 is an illustration showing a flight calendar filter interface associated with the flight calendar interface of Fig. 47; and

Fig. 52 is an illustration showing an option menu associated with the flight calendar interface of Fig. 47.

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Detailed Description of Specific Embodiments

Fig. 1 is block diagram illustrating a system for providing private air travel in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention. The system includes a plurality of aircraft service providers 101 in communication with a private air travel contractor 102. (As used herein, a "contractor" refers to the entity providing or arranging the private air travel to the customer and engaging services from the aircraft service providers. Additionally, an "aircraft service provider" may be a charter company or an aircraft owner. In certain embodiments of the invention, an aircraft service provider may be referred to as

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a "carrier".) The aircraft service providers 101 supply a variety of aircraft types which may travel to and from any number of locations both nationally and internationally. The private air travel contractor 102 is in communication with a plurality of customers, such as customers 104 and 105, via a network 110. The network 110 may include a Wide Area Network (WAN), such as the Internet, a System Area Network (SAN), or a Local Area Network (LAN) such as a CAT 5 certified LAN. The customers 104, 105 may communicate with the contractor 102 via the network and an electronic link established by program code resident on a processor contained in a travel card provided by the contractor 102. Similarly, the customers 104, 105 may communicate with the contractor 102 via facsimile, email, web-page, telephone, or in person. The private air travel contractor 102 matches at least one aircraft from at least one of the plurality of aircraft service providers 101 to a private air travel request from each customer 104 and 105 in accordance with a set of customer-specified parameters that are provided by the customers 104 and 105 in a manner that minimizes the occurrence of passengerless flights, as will be described in greater detail below.

The contractor 102 may choose from a plurality of different aircraft types and sizes (such as turbo prop aircraft, light jet aircraft, a mid-size jet aircraft, or a heavy jet aircraft) in accordance with the customer's requirements or preferences, and the aircraft may be automatically upgraded to a different size or type at a later time. The contractor 102 may also be in communication with other travel service providers 109 to provide each customer 104, 105 with, for example, ground transportation (e.g., car rental services, taxi services, private bus services and train services), boat and ferry services, and hotel or motel or other travel accommodations.

In order to minimize the occurrence of passenger-less flights, the contractor 102 has access to one or more databases 120, which may be resident on one or more database servers 112. Similarly, the database 120 may be accessed through the network 110. The database 120, under appropriate program control,

receives real time and batch mode data from a plurality of disparate sources. These sources include, but are not limited to, the aircraft service providers 101, individual aircraft, airports, travel services providers 109, city resources 107, state resources 106, and country resources 108. The contractor 102 is also in communication with one or more satellite dishes 114, either directly or through the database 120 or server 112.

Data received from these sources includes, but is not limited to: information pertinent to flight statuses (active flights, proposed flights, landed flights, one-way flights and transient flights); information regarding aircraft types; information regarding time zones; information regarding aircraft safety and maintenance histories; information regarding aircraft service provider safety history; information regarding pilot safety and training histories; and information regarding pre-flight or post-flight travel arrangements and accommodations.

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In accordance with one embodiment of the invention, data is obtained from the various sources using software programs such as those provided by Microsoft, Inc., Air Charter Guide (ACG), RLM Software, Inc. and ARGUS, Inc. For example, a contractor 102 may use a standardized Microsoft Windows 2000 operating system for all server and workstations associated with the contractor's business. Data feeds for active, proposed, and landed flights may come from third party applications that may use Windows NT. The RLM software provides the contractor 102 (either directly, or through the database 120 and/or database server 112) with a communication link to one or more satellite dishes such that information regarding the position of all aircraft with recorded or filed flight plans is updated every three minutes. The positioning information may include the tail number associated with an aircraft, the origin and destination airports associated with an aircraft, the departure and arrival time associated with an aircraft, the longitude and latitude associated with an aircraft and a last known status associated with an aircraft.

The ACG software provides the contractor 102 with a communication to the Internet such that information relevant to aircraft availability (particularly with respect to one-way and transient flights) is updated every hour. As used herein a "transient" aircraft refers to a flight or aircraft that is landed at an aircraft base that is not its home base. A transient aircraft is waiting to be scheduled for a flight destined for the aircraft's home base. The ACG software also provides the contractor 102 with "on demand" information about aircraft, airports and service providers, as will be described in greater detail below.

The ARGUS software provides the contractor **102** with a communication link to the Internet, supplied on demand, such that information regarding quality inspection ratings for aircraft service providers and aircraft may be obtained. Information obtained utilizing such software devices may be stored in the database **120** via the contractor, or the information may be delivered directly to the database server **112** from external sources for storage to the database **120**.

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In order to replicate the data provided by the various data sources, the contractor 102 may run automatic scheduled "jobs" (usually performed by software programs or programmed middleware or hardware components) on the database 120 via the database server 112. These jobs provide error logs and automatic notifications to the contractor 102 upon the failure of some aspect of the system. Such jobs are automatically executed every three minutes or less, or as close to real-time as possible given the rate information is received by the contractor or input to the database 120. For example, a "flight data update" job may serve to take in the positioning information provided by the software described above and update appropriate modules in the database 120 in accordance with a flight's status. As noted above, flight statuses include "active", "proposed", "landed", "one-way" or "transient". These are statuses are based on the recorded (or filed) flight plans of the aircraft as well information obtained through the RLM and ACG software. Each status may be archived to a separate module in the database 120 for future analysis of an aircraft's flight history.

Similarly, an "availability" job is designed to record the one-way and transient availability of aircraft associated with the system, and a "demand" job is designed to record all information about each aircraft, airport, and aircraft service provider 101. By receiving information in the manner described above, and recording and updating information in the database 120 in accordance with jobs similar to those described above, it is possible to know the status, origin, destination, speed and capacity of all aircraft associated with the system and to use this information to minimize the occurrence of passenger-less flights and provide cost efficient and flexible private air travel service.

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The database 120 is a highly normalized relational database that houses many different kinds of information and allows correlation of all the entities or objects that correspond to different aspects of the system. For example, objects or entities representing aircraft service providers are correlated with objects or entities representing aircraft that the aircraft service providers operate and/or own. Further, the system manipulates data imported to the system and provides normalized views of all the imported data. The contractor 102 may also "denormalize" the different types of information into separate modules in the database 120. Such de-normalizing results in the fastest response time for the users of the system because the separate modules allow a user (usually a contractor or contractor personnel) to simply select information contained in one module via a display device, such as a computer monitor and a keyboard or mouse.

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By manipulating the modules in the database, the system is able to provide conflict resolution for aircraft and aircraft service providers. For example, if an aircraft has been given a specific tail number and information concerning that tail number has been received by the system, the information will be stored in a conflict module which may be accessed by the database 120. Similarly, if a aircraft service provider 101 has a name, information received by the system concerning that name may likewise be stored in a conflict module in

the database **120**. The information stored in the conflict module may be compared to scheduled or proposed customer requests in order to assess the possibility of employing a particular aircraft or travel service provider to perform a particular service request. Modules may include objects or structures (sometimes referred to herein as "tables" or "entities") in accordance with programming languages such as C, C++, JAVA, CORBA HTML, or the like. The information stored in the conflict module may then be used to update the system or the information may be discarded.

Further, in accordance with the database architecture, software and processes that enable automatic data feeds to the system can accommodate different data fields coming from separate data sources for the same kind of information. As noted above, the database architecture includes a conflict resolution system that identifies conflicting pieces of data coming from separate data sources. Additionally, an abstraction layer may be provided which will allow the introduction of new data sources at any time.

In accordance with an embodiment of the invention, tables are used in a client server application to present easy-to-use, fast, intuitive screens to the users of the system. The system may use the Microsoft SQL Server 2000 however, the use of case tools and generic Entity Relationship (ER) Modeling helps ensure the portability of the database 120. Examples of entities (or tables) used in the system in accordance with Entity Relationship Modeling include, but are not limited to:

Entity ACTION_TYPE

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Card of the entity ACTION_TYPE

25	Name	ACTION_TYPE
	Comment	An ACTION_TYPE table contains the action type name. The
		action type table may have many customer histories
	,	associated with it. The data input to this table generally
		comes from contractor personnel.

Entity ADDITION_TYPE

Card of the entity ADDITION_TYPE

Name	ADDITION_TYPE
Comment	An ADDITION_TYPE table is used to
	indicate what type of addition is made
	against a customer travel card.
	Typical values for an
	ADDITION_TYPE are credit memo,
	endorsement, initial deposit, and
	additional deposit.

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Entity ADDRESS

Card of the entity ADDRESS

Name	ADDRESS
Comment	An ADDRESS table contains data on addresses for service
	carriers and customers, such as a street address, a primary
	address indicator, etc. An ADDRESS may have many credit
	card numbers, a service carrier, a city, and a customer
	associated with it. An ADDRESS may have been last
	updated by one data source. The data input to this table
	generally comes from the ACG software and contractor
	personnel.

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Entity ADDRESS_TYPE

Card of the entity ADDRESS_TYPE

Name	ADDRESS_TYPE

Comment	An ADDRESS_TYPE table contains
	possible address types in the system
	so that each ADDRESS entry can be
	associated with a certain
	ADDRESS_TYPE. Possible values are
	home, office, vacation home, FedEx,
	or old. This table allows the
	contractor to get in touch with its
	customers based on the
,	ADDRESS_TYPE that designates a
	customer's whereabouts.

Entity AIRCRAFT Card of the entity AIRCRAFT

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Name	AIRCRAFT
Comment	An AIRCRAFT table contains data on all aircraft world-
	wide, including tail number, condition, rate, ARGUS rating,
	etc. An AIRCRAFT may have many photos associated with
	it, may have many flight legs, many transient periods, many
	one-way flights, and many features associated with it. An
	AIRCRAFT may be black listed many times, preferred many
	times, have many ARGUS audits, and fly for many fractional
	companies. An AIRCRAFT may have only one base airport,
	one service carrier, and one aircraft type associated with it.
	An AIRCRAFT may have been last updated by one data
	source. The data input to this table generally comes from the
	ACG software and contractor personnel.

Entity AIRCRAFT_CATEGORY

Card of the entity AIRCRAFT_CATEGORY

Name	AIRCRAFT_CATEGORY
Comment	An AIRCRAFT_CATEGORY table contains data on
	categories of planes including light jet, midsize jet, one way
	rate, round-trip rate, etc. An AIRCRAFT_CATEGORY may
	have many aircraft types and many flights associated with it.
	The data input to this table generally comes from contractor
	personnel.

Entity AIRCRAFT_FEATURE

5 Card of the entity AIRCRAFT_FEATURE

Name	AIRCRAFT_FEATURE
Comment	An AIRCRAFT FEATURE table is a "join" table between the
	AIRCRAFT table and the AIRCRAFT_FEATURE_TYPE table.
	An aircraft may have many feature types and each feature
	type can belong to many aircraft. This necessitates a "many
	to many" relationship between the AIRCRAFT and the
	AIRCRAFT_FEATURE _TYPE tables and this relationship
	results in this AIRCRAFT_FEATURE table. A typical
	example of a feature would be TV, restroom, leather seats,
	etc.

Entity AIRCRAFT_FEATURE_TYPE

10 Card of the entity AIRCRAFT_FEATURE_TYPE

Name	AIRCRAFT_FEATURE_TYPE
Comment	An AIRCRAFT_ FEATURE_TYPE contains the aircraft
	feature name. An AIRCRAFT_FEATURE_TYPE may have
	many aircraft associated with it. The data input to this table
	generally comes from contractor personnel.

Entity AIRCRAFT_FILTER

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Name	AIRCRAFT_FILTER
Comment	An AIRCRAFT_FILTER table is a list of tail numbers
	corresponding to aircraft that were omitted from the
	active/proposed/landed flight tracking system. Each entry
	in this table may be a Structured Query Language ("SQL")
	"like" expression that may be matched against any new real-
	time flight information received by the system.

Entity AIRCRAFT_HISTORY

5 Card of entity AIRCRAFT_HISTORY

Name	AIRCRAFT_HISTORY
Comment	An AIRCRAFT_HISTORY table is
	used to track customer and contractor
	feedback about an aircraft. The data
	input to this table generally comes
	from contractor personnel.

Entity AIRCRAFT_PHOTO

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Name	AIRCRAFT_PHOTO
Comment	An AIRCRAFT may have many AIRCRAFT_PHOTOs
	associated with it. The photos for an aircraft are kept in the
	AIRCRAFT_PHOTO table as a Binary Large Object ("BLOB").
	Their order (most important to less important) is governed
	by an AIRPHO_ORDER flag.

Entity AIRCRAFT_SAVED_SEARCH

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Name	AIRCRAFT_SAVED_SEARCH
Comment	This is an envelope table for a saved search. It may have a

"one-to-many" relationship with the
AIRCRAFT_SAVED_SEARCH_DETAIL table, where the
parameters for the search are stored. A search name and
search time frame that applies to all detail parameters may be
saved in this table. A MAP_LAYER may point to a saved
search to indicate that the particular layer will contain the
results of a newly executed "saved search".

Entity AIRCRAFT_SAVED_SEARCH_DETAIL

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Name	AIRCRAFT_SAVED_SEARCH_DETAIL
Comment	AIRCRAFT_SAVED_SEARCH_DETAIL is a table for each
	parameter of a saved search. Each parameter contains
	information necessary in order to save the details for an
	active/proposed/landed/one-way or transient flight search.
	Parameters for all the statuses are the same and may include:
	current position, home base, departure position, destination
	position, ARGUS rating, plane type, features, etc.

Entity AIRCRAFT_SUB_CATEGORY

25 Card of the entity AIRCRAFT_SUB_CATEGORY

Name	AIRCRAFT_SUB_CATEGORY
Comment	This table is necessary to further categorize light, medium,
	heavy jets into light slow/light fast, medium slow/medium
	fast, etc. It is a detailed sub-table of the
	AIRCRAFT_CATEGORY table.

Entity AIRCRAFT_SUB_CATEGORY_SPEED

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Name	AIRCRAFT_SUB_CATEGORY_SPEED
Comment	For each entry in the AIRCRAFT_SUB_CATEGORY table
	there may be an associated speed of aircraft for a given hour
	of a flight. In the first hour, planes are generally slower, in
	the second hour, a little faster and then speed remains
	substantially constant until descent. So each sub category
	can have a list of hours for which there is a speed recorded.
	This table is a detailed sub-table of the
	AIRCRAFT_SUB_CATEGORY.

Entity AIRCRAFT_TYPE

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Name	AIRCRAFT_TYPE
Comment	An AIRCRAFT_TYPE table contains an aircraft type name,
	the aircraft model name and the aircraft manufacturer's
	name. An AIRCRAFT_TYPE may have many aircraft and
	one aircraft category associated with it. An
	AIRCRAFT_TYPE may have been last updated by one data
	source.

Entity AIRCRAFT_WATCH_LIST

10 Card of the entity AIRCRAFT_WATCH_LIST

Name	AIRCRAFT_WATCH_LIST
Comment	An AIRCRAFT_WATCH_ LIST table includes a static list of
	aircraft tail numbers. The table allows contractor personnel
	to group certain aircraft together for constant monitoring
	and/or tracking. Each AIRCRAFT_SAVED_SEARCH entity
	may be associated with an AIRCRAFT_WATCH _LIST in
	order to indicate the last search result. In this manner, if the
	search is marked as a real-time search (which means it will

periodically be re-executed) the new result may be compared
to an old result such that contractor personnel will be
notified only of the new aircraft which may then be added to
the associated AIRCRAFT_WATCH_LIST. A static fleet of
aircraft, such as a competitor's aircraft or a partner carrier's
aircraft may be easily monitored with this functionality.

Entity AIRCRAFT_WATCH_LIST_DETAIL

15 Card of the entity AIRCRAFT_WATCH_LIST_DETAIL

Name	AIRCRAFT_WATCH_LIST_DETAIL
Comment	An AIRCRAFT_WATCH_LIST_DETAIL table is used to save
	the actual aircraft identifications (AIRCRAFT_ID) of the
	"watched" tail numbers. An AIRCRAFT_WATCH_LIST
	entry has many AIRCRAFT_WATCH_LIST_DETAILs. In
	this way, the AIRCRAFT_WATCH_LIST contains an
	"envelope" of information for the watch list, and the
	AIRCRAFT_WATCH_LIST_DETAIL table contains all of the
	watched aircraft.

Entity AIRPORT

20 Card of the entity AIRPORT

Name	AIRPORT
Comment	An AIRPORT table contains data on all airports world-wide;
	Such as, airport code, address, runway length, etc. An
	AIRPORT may be the base for many aircraft and may have
	many transient planes and many airport services associated
	with it. An AIRPORT may have in one city and one time
	zone associated with it. An AIRPORT may have been last
	updated by one data source. The data input to this table

generally comes from the ACG software and contractor
personnel.

Entity AIRPORT_SERVICE

25 Card of the entity AIRPORT_SERVICE

Name	AIRPORT_SERVICE
Comment	An AIRPORT_SERVICE table contains the airport service
	name and notes. An AIRPOR_SERVICE may have many
	airports and one airport service type associated with it. The
	data input to this table generally comes from the ACG
	software and contractor personnel.

Entity AIRPORT_SERVICE_JOIN

30 Card of the entity AIRPORT_SERVICE_JOIN

Name	AIRPORT_SERVICE_JOIN	
Comment	An AIRPORT_SERVICE_JOIN table is an internal table that	
	allows a "many to many" relationship between airports and	
	airport services. It contains primary keys from the airport	
	table and the airport services table. An	
	AIRPORT_SERVICE_JOIN table may have many telephone	
	numbers, an airport and an airport service associated with it.	
	The data to this table generally comes from the ACG	
	software and contractor personnel.	

Entity AIRPORT_SERVICE_TYPE

35 Card of the entity AIRPORT_SERVICE_TYPE

Name	AIRPORT_SERVICE_TYPE	
Comment	An AIRPORT_SERVICE_TYPE table contains the airport	
	service type name such as fixed base operations ("FBO"), limo	
	service, etc. An AIRPORT_SERVICE_TYPE may have many	

airport services associated with it. The data input to this
table generally comes from contractor personnel.

Entity ARGUS_AUDIT

40 Card of the entity ARGUS_AUDIT

Name	ARGUS_AUDIT	
Comment	An ARGUS_AUDIT table contains audit data for a service	
	carrier, such as part 135 certificate number and a date of an	
	audit. An ARGUS_AUDIT table may have many types of	
	argus audit data and only one service carrier associated with	
	it. The data input to this table generally comes from the	
	ARGUS software.	

Entity ARGUS_AUDIT_DATA

45 Card of the entity ARGUS_AUDIT_DATA

Name	ARGUS_AUDIT_DATA	
Comment	An ARGUS_AUDIT_DATA table contains audit data for an	
	aircraft including and aircraft tail number, serial number,	
	total time on the aircraft's engines, etc. The data input to this	
	table generally comes from the ARGUS software.	

Entity ARGUS_RATING_NAME

50 Card of the entity ARGUS_RATING_NAME

Name	ARGUS_RATING_NAME	
Comment	An ARGUS_RATING_NAME table	
	contains reference names for Argus	
	ratings (e.g., silver, platinum, etc.).	

Entity BLACK_LIST_HISTORY

Card of the entity BLACK_LIST_HISTORY

Name	BLACK_LIST_HISTORY
Comment	An aircraft or service carrier can be blacklisted. Instead of
	having a field in the CARRIER or AIRCRAFT tables, a
	separate table is provided to keep a history of all
	"blacklisting" events.

5 Entity BLACK_LIST_REASON_TYPE

Card of the entity BLACK_LIST_REASON_TYPE

Name	BLACK_LIST_REASON_TYPE	
Comment	A BLACK_LIST_REASON_TYPE table contains the reason	
	type name. It may have many black list histories associated	
	with it. The data input to this table generally comes from	
	contractor personnel.	

10 Entity CALENDAR_EVENT

Card of the entity CALENDAR_EVENT

Name	CALENDAR_EVENT
Comment	A CALENDAR_EVENT table contains
	a date and an explanation of each
	event on contractor or contractor
	personnel calendar.

15 Entity CARD_BALANCE

Card of the entity CARD_BALANCE

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Name	CARD_BALANCE	, ,	

Comment	A CARD_BALANCE table holds the
	last know money balance for a travel
	card in accordance with a particular
	date. Data is input to this table
	automatically, via an accounting
	application.

Entity CARRIER

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Card of the entity CARRIER

Name	CARRIER	
Comment	A CARRIER table contains data on all service carriers (or	
	other aircraft service providers) world-wide including name,	
	web site, insurance certificate, ARGUS rating, etc. A	
	CARRIER may have many addresses associated with it,	
	many aircraft, many contacts, many notes, many e-mail	
	addresses, many telephones, many flight legs, and many	
	ARGUS audits associated with it. A CARRIER may be black	
	listed many times, or may be a preferred service carrier many	
	times. A CARRIER may fly one type of plane and may have	
	one corresponding entry in a public operator. A CARRIER	
	may have been last updated by one data source. The data	
	input to this table generally comes from the ACG software	
	and contractor personnel.	

Entity CARRIER_CONTACT

Card of the entity CARRIER_CONTACT

10	Name	CARRIER_CONTACT	
	Comment	A CARRIER_CONTACT table contains data on an service	
		carrier's contact name and position. A	

CARRIER_CONTACT may have many e-mail addresses and
many telephone numbers associated with it. A
CARRIER_CONTACT may be a contact for one service
carrier and may have been last updated by one data source.
The data input to this table generally comes from the ACG
software and contractor personnel.

Entity CARRIER_NOTE

Card of the entity CARRIER_NOTE

15	Name	CARRIER_NOTE	
	Comment	A CARRIER_NOTE table contains notes for a service carrier.	
		A CARRIER_NOTE may have one service carrier associated	
		with it. The data input to this table generally comes from	
		contractor personnel.	

Entity CATERING_PREFERENCE

Card of the entity CATERING_PREFERENCE

20	Name	CATERING_PREFERENCE
	Comment	A CATERING_PREFERENCE table
		holds catering preferences for
		customers. Data is input to this table
		by contractor personnel.

Entity CERTIFICATE_HOLDER

Card of the entity CERTIFICATE_HOLDER

25	Name	CERTIFICATE_HOLDER

	
Comment	A CERTIFICATE_HOLDER table
	receives important information from
	an auditing partner, such as ARGUS.
	The table represents all of the carriers
	that ARGUS has audited on behalf of
	the contractor. This table also shares a
	relationship with the AIRCRAFT table
	in order to indicate which AIRCRAFT
	ARGUS believes a particular carrier
	operates.

Entity CITY

Card of the entity CITY

5	Name	CITY
	Comment	A CITY table contains a city name. A CITY may have many
		addresses, many airports and one state associated with it.
		The data input to this table generally comes from the ACG
		software and contractor personnel.

Entity COMPETITIVE_SAVINGS

Card of the entity COMPETITIVE_SAVINGS

10	Name	COMPETITIVE_SAVINGS
	Comment	A COMPETITIVE_SAVINGS table is
		used to track the amount of money a
		customer and/or travel card has
		saved against the competition up to a
		given date.

Entity CONTACT_TYPE

Card of the entity CONTACT_TYPE

Name	CONTACT_TYPE
Comment	A CONTACT_TYPE table is a
	reference table that includes a list of
	each type of contact (e.g., spouse,
	child, president, etc.). It shares an
	entity relationship with the CARRIER
	and CUSTOMER tables.

5 Entity COUNTRY

Card of the entity COUNTRY

Name	COUNTRY	
Comment	A COUNTRY table contains the country name and	
	abbreviation. A COUNTRY may have many states	
	associated with it. The data input to this table generally	
	comes from the ACG software and contractor personnel.	

10 Entity CREDIT_CARD

Card of the entity CREDIT_CARD

Name	CREDIT_CARD
Comment	A CREDIT_CARD table contains the credit card number and
	expiration date of a credit card. A CREDIT_CARD may have
	many flights associated with it. A CREDIT_CARD may
	have an address, a credit card type, and a customer
	associated with it and may have been last updated by one
	data source. The data input to this table generally comes
	from contractor personnel.

15 Entity CREDIT_CARD_TYPE

Card of the entity CREDIT_CARD_TYPE

Name	CREDIT_CARD_TYPE	
Comment	A CREDIT_CARD_TYPE table contains the name (Visa,	
	Mastercard, etc.) of a credit card. A CREDIT_CARD_TYPE	
į	may have many credit cards associated with it. The data	
	input to this table generally comes from contractor	
	personnel.	

5 Entity CUSTOMER

Card of the entity CUSTOMER

Name	CUSTOMER
Comment	A CUSTOMER table contains data on all customers world-
	wide including name, company, if any, business title, if any,
	etc. A CUSTOMER have many addresses, many credit cards,
	many contacts, many notes, and many e-mail addresses
	associated with it. A CUSTOMER may also have many
	flights, many telephone numbers, many travel cards, and
	many cases associated with it. A CUSTOMER may have a
	reference and a type associated with it and may have been
	last updated by one data source. The data input to this table
	generally comes from contractor personnel.

10 Entity CUSTOMER_ACTION_HISTORY

Card of the entity CUSTOMER_ACTION_HISTORY

Name	CUSTOMER_ACTION_HISTORY
Comment	A CUSTOMER_ACTION_HISTORY table contains history
	information about customer actions; such as the date a
	customer account was created, a date service for the
	customer was initiated or is due, the date service is
	completed, who a service request has been assigned to, etc.

A CUSTOMER_ACTION_HISTORY table may have a
customer case, an action type and a user (a contractor or
contractor personnel) associated with it. The data input to
this table generally comes from contractor personnel.

15 Entity CUSTOMER_CASE

Card of the entity CUSTOMER_CASE

Name	CUSTOMER_CASE
Comment	The CUSTOMER_CASE table contains a customer case name
	and customer case creation date. A CUSTOMER_CASE may
	have many customer action histories associated with it, one
	customer and one user associated with it. The data input to
	this table generally comes from contractor personnel.

20 Entity CUSTOMER_CONTACT

Card of the entity CUSTOMER_CONTACT

Name	CUSTOMER_CONTACT
Comment	A CUSTOMER_CONTACT table contains data on the
	contact's name and title. A CUSTOMER_CONTACT may
	have many e-mail addresses and many telephone numbers
	associated with it. A CUSTOMER_CONTACT may have one
	customer associated with it and may have been last updated
	by one data source. The data input to this table generally
	comes from contractor personnel.

25 Entity CUSTOMER_FEEDBACK

Card of the entity CUSTOMER_FEEDBACK

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Name	CUSTOMER_FEEDBACK	

Comment	A CUSTOMER_FEEDBACK table
	contains feedback from a particular
	customer with respect to a flight.

Entity CUSTOMER_FEEDBACK TOPIC

Card of the entity CUSTOMER_FEEDBACK TOPIC

5	Name	CUSTOMER_FEEDBACK_TOPIC
	Comment	A CUSTOMER_FEEDBACK_TOPIC
		table is a reference table that contains
		topics from customer feedback
		postcards (e.g., quality of catering,
		aircraft condition etc.)

Entity CUSTOMER_FEEDBACK_TOPIC_JOIN Card of entity CUSTOMER_FEEDBACK_TOPIC_JOIN

10	Name	CUSTOMER_FEEDBACK_TOPIC_
		JOIN
	Comment	A CUSTOMER_FEEDBACK_TOPIC_
		JOIN table is a table that allows a
		many-to-many entity relationship
		between CUSTOMER_FEEDBACK
		and CUSTOMER_FEEDBACK_TOPIC
		tables.

Entity CUSTOMER_NOTE

Card of the entity CUSTOMER_NOTE

Name	CUSTOMER_NOTE
Comment	A CUSTOMER_NOTE table contains a note. A
	CUSTOMER_NOTE may have one customer and a user that
	created the note associated with it. A CUSTOMER_NOTE
	may have been last updated by one data source. The data
	input to this table generally comes from contractor
	personnel.

Entity CUSTOMER_TYPE

5 Card of the entity CUSTOMER_TYPE

Name	CUSTOMER_TYPE
Comment	A CUSTOMER_TYPE table contains the customer type name.
	A CUSTOMER_TYPE may have many customers associated
	with it. The data input to this table generally comes from
	contractor personnel.

Entity DATA_SOURCE

10 Card of the entity DATA_SOURCE

Name	DATA_SOURCE	
Comment	A DATA_SOURCE table contains a data source name. It is a	
	mechanism used in many tables to show which data source	
	last updated the information in the table. A DATA_SOURCE	
	may have many aircraft, many service carriers, many	
	airports, many service carrier contacts, many e-mails, many	
	addresses, many telephones, many customers, many	
	customer notes, many customer contacts, many credit cards,	
	many one way aircraft, many transient aircraft and many	
	aircraft types associated with it. The data input to this table	
	generally comes from contractor personnel.	

Entity DEDUCTION_TYPE

Card of the entity DEDUCTION_TYPE

Name	DEDUCTION_TYPE
Comment	A DEDUCTION_TYPE table holds
	values for different types of
	deductions that can be applied to the
	balance associated with a customer or
	travel card. Data input to this table
	comes from contractor personnel.

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Entity EMAIL

Card of the entity EMAIL

Name	EMAIL
Comment	A EMAIL table contains the email address and a primary
	email address indicator. An EMAIL may have one customer,
	one service carrier, one service carrier contact, or one
	customer contact associated with it. An EMAIL may have
	been last updated by one data source. The data input to this
	table generally comes from the ACG software and contractor
	personnel.

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Entity EVENT_TYPE

Card of the entity EVENT_TYPE

Name	EVENT_TYPE
Comment	An EVENT_TYPE table holds
	customer and contractor feedback
	types to be used in relation with an
	AIRCRAFT_HISTORY table.

Entity FLIGHT

Card of the entity FLIGHT

Name	FLIGHT
Comment	A FLIGHT table contains information about a flight
:	including the start and end times, a round-trip indicator, a
	number of passengers, etc. A FLIGHT may have many flight
,	legs and many travel card histories associated with it. A
	FLIGHT may also have a customer, a user, a flight state, a
	travel card, a credit card and an aircraft category associated
	with it. The data input to this table generally comes from
	contractor personnel.

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Entity FLIGHTLEG_ALTERNATE

Card of the entity $FLIGHTLEG_ALTERNATE$

Name	FLIGHTLEG_ALTERNATE
Comment	A FLIGHTLEG_ALTERNATE table is
,	associated with one or more a
	FLIGHT_LEG tables. Each
	FLIGHT_LEG may have many
	FLIGHTLEG_ALTERNATEs. If there
	is a cancellation or mechanical
	problem associated with a
	FLIGHT_LEG, a contractor already
	has a record of multiple equally suited
	aircraft which may be used as an
	alternative.

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Entity FLIGHT_DATA

Card of the entity FLIGHT_DATA

Name	FLIGHT_DATA
Comment	A FLIGHT_DATA table contains data on all flights tracked
	by the FAA (a filed or recorded flight plan). It contains
	information such as a tail number, flight status, origin and
	destination airports, start and end times and current
	positional information such as longitude, latitude, altitude,
:	heading and speed. This information is received by satellite
	every 3 minutes or less and is processed into the system's
	normalized database. The data input to this table come from
	the RLM software.

Entity FLIGHT_LANDING

5 Card of the entity FLIGHT_LANDING

Name	FLIGHT_LANDING
Comment	A FLIGHT_LANDING table is populated by system software
	that processes flights from the FLIGHT_DATA table with a
	flight status of "L". It contains information such as tail
	number, origin and destination airport, start and end times
	and a date and time of the landing (in ZULU format).

Entity FLIGHT_LEG

10 Card of the entity FLIGHT_LEG

Name	FLIGHT_LEG
Comment	A FLIGHT_LEG table contains data such as origin and
	destination airport, start and end times, service carrier
	quote, etc. A FLIGHT_LEG may have many grouped flights,
	many one ways flights, many aircraft watch lists, and many
	aircraft saved searches associated with it. A FLIGHT_LEG
	may have one aircraft, one service carrier, one flight and one
	upgrade type associated with it. The data input to this table

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Entity FLIGHT_STATE

15 Card of the entity FLIGHT_STATE

Name	FLIGHT_STATE
Comment	A FLIGHT_STATE table contains the flight state name. The
	flight state may have many flights associated with it. The
	data input to this table generally comes from contractor
	personnel.

Entity FRACTIONAL_AIRCRAFT_JOIN

20 Card of the entity FRACTIONAL_AIRCRAFT_JOIN

Name	FRACTIONAL_AIRCRAFT_JOIN
Comment	A FRACTION_AIRCRAFT_JOIN table is an internal table
	that allows a "many to many" relationship between fractional
	aircraft and fractional companies. It links an aircraft with a
,	fractional company, so ultimately one aircraft can be linked
	to many companies and one company can be linked to many
	aircraft.

Entity FRACTIONAL_COMPANIES

25 Card of the entity FRACTIONAL_COMPANIES

Name	FRACTIONAL_COMPANIES
Comment	A FRACTIONAL_COMPANIES table contains the name of a
	fractional company. It may have many fractional aircraft
	associated with it. The data input to this table generally
	comes from contractor personnel.

Entity FRACTIONAL_OWNERS

30 Card of the entity FRACTIONAL_OWNERS

Name	FRACTIONAL_OWNERS
Comment A FRACTIONAL_OWNERS table includes a list of a	
	contractor's fractional ownership competitors. Each aircraft
	in the contractor's inventory may be tracked as to whether it
	is also used by these fractional ownership companies. The
	contractor may then conduct a competitive analysis with
	respect to particular situations.

Entity GLOBAL_PARAMETERS

5 Card of the entity GLOBAL_PARAMETERS

Name	GLOBAL_PARAMETERS
Comment	A GLOBAL_PARAMETERS table is used to store all of the
	contractor's persistent global parameters, such as strings,
	colors, labels, numbers, monetary values, taxes, and
	percentages. These values are not hard-coded into software
	and thus can be modified at run-time by just changing the
	appropriate database fields. The USER_PARAMETERS table
	shares a relationship to this table in that it "inherits" from this
	table. The software of the system has certain functions that
	look for a "per user" value of the user parameters and, if it
	cannot find any, the software functions will default to the
	global parameters.

Entity GROUND_TRANSPORTATION

10 Card of the entity GROUND_TRANSPORTATION

Name	GROUND_TRANSPORTATION
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Comment	A GROUND_TRANSPORTATION
	table includes information related to
	the type of ground transportation that
	may be supplied for a flight leg (e.g.,
	who is meeting the plane, this
	person's phone number, etc.).

Entity GROUND_TRANSPORTATON_TYPE

Card of the entity GROUND_TRANSPORTATION_TYPE

5	Name	GROUND_TRANSPORTATION_
		TYPE
	Comment	A GROUND_TRANSPORTATION_
		TYPE table is a reference table that
		includes the types of ground
		transportation to be supplied for a
,		flight leg (e.g., car service, taxi,
		private party, etc.).

Entity GROUPED_FLIGHT

Card of the entity GROUPED_FLIGHT

10	Name	GROUPED_FLIGHT
	Comment	A GROUPED_FLIGHT table contains data such as the time a
		group flight is created and an overall cost of the group flight.
		A GROUPED_FLIGHT may have many flight legs associated
		with it. The data input to this table generally comes from
		contractor personnel.

Entity GROUPED_FLIGHT_JOIN

Card of the entity GROUPED_FLIGHT_JOIN

Name	GROUPED_FLIGHT_JOIN
Comment A GROUPED_FLIGH_ JOIN table is an internal table	
	allows a "many to many" relationship between grouped
	flights and flight legs. It contains primary keys from the
	GROUP_FLIGHT_TABLE and the FLIGHT_LEG table. The
1	data input to this table generally comes from contractor
	personnel.

5 Entity MAP_LAYER

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A "layer" is a visualization of the MAP_LAYER entity. Persistent fields in the MAP_LAYER are used to determine the visual characteristics of the layer as well as the elements that are actually displayed via a user interface (for instance, via a user interface of a command center module.) A layer may be a weather overlay layer, a saved search layer (which constitutes search criteria to be executed in order determine which tail numbers are displayed), or a watch list layer (which constitutes a static list of tail numbers to be watched). Further, by employing layers, a given aircraft can be displayed to a user together with its base, departure, and destination airports as well as its route.

15 Card of the entity MAP_LAYER

Name	MAP_LAYER	
Comment	A MAP_LAYER table includes all of the parameters	
	necessary to keep track of a given map layer in the mapping	
	screens of the contractor's command center application.	
	These parameters include visibility, color, font, size, active,	
	proposed, landed, transient, one-way flights and origins,	
	destinations and base airports. This table also includes	
	aspects of labeling.	

Entity MARKETING_EVENT

Card of the entity MARKETING_EVENT

Name	MARKETING_EVENT
Comment	A MARKETING_EVENT table may
	be used to store all marketing events
	that a contractor has sent to
	customers, potential customers, and
	to the public generally.

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Entity MARKETING_EVENT_BATCH

Card of the entity MARKETING_EVENT_BATCH

Name	MARKETING_EVENT_BATCH
Comment	A MARKETING_EVENT_BATCH
	table may be used to split customers,
,	potential customers, and the public
	generally into batches for a marketing
	event.

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Entity MARKETING_EVENT_CUSTOMERS

Card for the entity MARKETING_EVENT_CUSTOMERS

Name	MARKETING_EVENT_CUSTOMERS
Comment	A MARKETING_EVENT_
	CUSTOMERS table may be used to
	store names or identifications of
	customers that belong to a marketing
	event.

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Entity MARKETING_EVENT_MEDIUM

Card for the entity MARKETING_EVENT_MEDIUM

Name	MARKETING_EVENT_MEDIUM
Comment	A MARKETING_EVENT_MEDIUM
	table may be used to store the types of
	material that should be distributed
	during a marketing event.

5 Entity MARKETING_EVENT_TYPE

Card for the entity MARKETING_EVENT_TYPE

Name	MARKETING_EVENT_TYPE
Comment	A MARKETING_EVENT_TYPE table
	may be used to store different types of
	marketing events and the SQL used to
	retrieve customers for a particular
	type.

10 Entity ONE_WAY

Card of the entity ONE_WAY

Name	ONE_WAY
Comment	A ONE_WAY table contains the start and end times of a one
	way flight, the origin and destination airports of the one way
	flight, a booked indicator, etc. A ONE_WAY is one aircraft
	on one flight leg and may have been last updated by one data
	source. The data input to this table generally comes from the
	ACG software and contractor personnel.

15 Entity OWNER

Card of the entity OWNER

Name	OWNER
Comment	An OWNER table may be employed as an intermediate
	import table which specifies all of the aspects of an owner of
	an aircraft.

Entity PASSENGER

5 Card of the entity PASSENGER

Name	PASSENGER
Comment	A PASSENGER table may be used to
	store the names or identifications of
	passengers that have been included in
	a flight for a customer. Data is input
	to this table by contractor personnel.

Entity PASSENGER_MANIFEST

10 Card of the entity PASSENGER_MANIFEST

Name	PASSENGER_MANIFEST
Comment	A PASSENGER_MANIFEST table
	may be used to store the names or
	identifications of all the passengers for
	each flight leg. A passenger may be
	an existing customer or a new name
	associated with a single flight leg.
	Data is input to this table
	automatically, via an application.

Entity PLANE_TYPES

15 Card of the entity PLANE_TYPES

Name	PLANE_TYPES
Comment	A PLANE_TYPES table contains the plane type name. A
	PLANE_TYPES may have many service carriers associated
	with it. The data input to this table generally comes from
	contractor personnel.

Entity PREFERRED_LIST

5 Card of the entity PREFERRED_LIST

Name	PREFERRED_LIST
Comment	Same as the BLACK_LIST table concept except that this is for
	indicating a "preferred" status.

Entity PREFERRED_LIST_REASON_TYPE

10 Card of the entity PREFERRED_LIST_REASON_TYPE

Name	PREFERRED_LIST_REASON_TYPE
Comment	A PREFERRED_LIST_REASON_TYPE table contains the
	reason type name. It may have many preferred lists
	associated with it. The data input to this table generally
	comes from contractor personnel.

Entity PROSPECT_RATING

15 Card of the entity PROSPECT_RATING

Name	PROSPECT_RATING
Comment	A PROSPECT_RATING table may be
	used to store values associated with
	prospective travel card customers.

Entity PUBLIC_AIRCRAFT

20 Card of the entity PUBLIC_AIRCRAFT

Name	PUBLIC_AIRCRAFT
Comment	A PUBLIC_AIRCRAFT table includes aircraft information. It
	is an intermediate import table that serves as destination of
	scheduled imports of information from external data sources.
	After the information is imported, the values of this table get
	imported into the AIRCRAFT table with the appropriate
	DATA_SOURCE flags set.

Entity PUBLIC_AIRPORTS

5 Card of the entity PUBLIC_AIRPORTS

Name	PUBLIC_AIRPORTS
Comment	A PUBLIC_AIRPORT table includes airport information. It is
	an intermediate import table that serves as destination of
	scheduled imports of information from external data sources.
	After the information is imported, the values of this table get
	imported into the AIRPORT table with the appropriate
	DATA_SOURCE flags set.

Entity PUBLIC_AVAILABILITY

10 Card of the entity PUBLIC_AVAILABILITY

Name	PUBLIC_AVAILABILITY
Comment	A PUBLIC_AVAILABILITY table includes availability
	information. It is an intermediate import table that serves as
	destination of scheduled imports of information from
	external data sources. After the information is imported, the
	values of this table get imported into the ONE_WAY and/or
	TRANSIENT tables with the appropriate DATA_SOURCE
	flags set.

Entity PUBLIC_OPERATOR

Card of the entity PUBLIC_OPERATOR

Name	PUBLIC_OPERATOR
Comment	A PUBLIC_OPERATOR table includes carrier information. It
	is an intermediate import table that serves as destination of
	scheduled imports of information from external data sources.
	After the information is imported, the values of this table get
	imported into the CARRIER table with the appropriate
	DATA_SOURCE flags set. Note that while some external
	sources use the terminology "OPERATOR", contractors may
	use the term "CARRIERS" to describe the concept of the
	entity that operationally manages the aircraft.

5 Entity PUBLIC_STDCRAFT

Card of the entity PUBLIC_STDCRAFT

Name	PUBLIC_STDCRAFT	
Comment	A PUBLIC_STDCRAFT table includes information associated	
	with de-normalized aircraft type, aircraft category, aircraft	
	manufacturer, etc. It is an intermediate import table that	
	serves as destination of scheduled imports of information	
	from external data sources. After the information is	
	imported, the values of this table get imported into the	
,	AIRCRAFT_TYPE and/or AIRCRAFT_CATEGORY tables	
	with the appropriate DATA_SOURCE flags set.	

10 Entity REFFERRED_BY

Card of the entity REFERRED_BY

Name	REFERRED_BY
Comment	A REFERRED_BY table contains a reference name (Wall St.
	Journal, etc.). A REFERRED_BY may have many customers
	associated with it. The data input to this table generally

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comes from contractor personnel.

15 Entity REPORT

Card of the entity REPORT

Name	REPORT
Comment	A REPORT table includes all reports
	that may be printed or accessed by
	contractor personnel. This allows
	contractor administration to change a
	report template in the database such
	that contractor personnel has
	immediate access to the new report.
	A report object is contained in a
	report_template field. Data is input to
	this table by contractor
	administration.

20 Entity SECURITY_LEVEL

Card of the entity SECURITY_LEVEL

Name	SECURITY_LEVEL
Comment	A SECURITY_LEVEL table contains a security level name. A
	SECURITY_LEVEL may have many users associated with it.
	The data input to this table generally comes from contractor
	personnel.

25 Entity SHIPMENT_METHOD

Card of the entity SHIPMENT_METHOD

Name	SHIPMENT_METHOD
Comment	A SHIPMENT_METHOD table is a
	reference table that describes various
	methods a contractor may use to ship
	things to customers (e.g., FedEx, UPS,
	etc.).

Entity STANDARD_VERBAGE

5 Card of the entity STANDARD_VERBAGE

Name	STANDARD_VERBAGE
Comment	A STANDARD_VERBAGE table may
	be used as a repository of verbiage
	used in reports and labels.

Entity STATE

10 Card of the entity STATE

Name	STATE
Comment	A STATE table contains the state name and abbreviation. A
	STATE may have many cities and one country associated
	with it. The data input to this table generally comes from the
	ACG software and contractor personnel.

Entity TELEPHONE

15 Card of the entity TELEPHONE

Name	TELEPHONE
Comment	A TELEPHONE table contains data on telephone numbers
	for service carrier contacts, service carriers, customer
	contacts, customers, and airport services including telephone

number and a primary telephone number indicator. A
TELEPHONE may have one service carrier contact, one
service carrier, one customer contact, one customer, may one
airport service, and one telephone type associated with it. A
TELEPHONE may have been last updated by one data
source. The data input to this table generally comes from the
ACG software and contractor personnel.

Entity TELEPHONE_TYPE

20 Card of the entity TELEPHONE_TYPE

Name	TELEPHONE_TYPE
Comment	A TELEPHONE_TYPE table contains a telephone type name.
	A TELEPHONE_TYPE may have many telephones
	associated with it. The data input to this table generally
	comes from the ACG software and contractor personnel.

Entity TIME_ZONE

25 Card of the entity TIME_ZONE

Name	TIME_ZONE
Comment	A TIME_ZONE table contains a time zone name and its
	hours (according to ZULU). A TIME_ZONE may have
	many airports associated with it. The data input to this table
_	generally comes from contractor personnel.

Entity TRANSIENT

30 Card of the entity TRANSIENT

Name	TRANSIENT
Comment	A TRANSIENT table contains the start and end times of a
	transient state, booked indicator, etc. A TRANSIENT plane
	may have one aircraft and one airport associated with it and

may have been last updated by one data source. The data
input to this table generally comes from the ACG software
and contractor personnel.

Entity TRAVEL_CARD

35 Card of the entity TRAVEL_CARD

Name	TRAVEL_CARD
Comment	A TRAVEL_CARD table contains a travel card number. A
	TRAVEL_CARD may have many travel card customers,
	many travel card histories, and many flights associated with
	it. The data input to this table generally comes from
	contractor personnel.

Entity TRAVEL_CARD_CUSTOMER_JOIN

40 Card of the entity TRAVEL_CARD_CUSTOMER_JOIN

Name	TRAVEL_CARD_CUSTOMER_JOIN
Comment	A TRAVEL_CARD_CUSTOMER_JOIN table is an internal
	table that allows a "many to many" relationship between
	travel cards and customers. It contains primary keys from a
	TRAVEL_CARD table and a CUSTOMER table as well as a
	primary travel card indicator for a customer. The data input
	to this table generally comes from contractor personnel.

Entity TRAVEL_CARD_HISTORY

45 Card of the entity TRAVEL_CARD_HISTORY

Name	TRAVEL_CARD_HISTORY
Comment	A TRAVE_ CARD_HISTORY table contains the date, amount
	and deposit indicator for a travel card. A TRAVEL_CARD_
	HISTORY may have one travel card and one flight associated
	with it. The data input to this table generally comes from

contractor personnel.

Entity TRAVEL_CARD_REFERRAL

50 Card of the entity TRAVEL_CARD_REFERRAL

Name	TRAVEL_CARD_REFERRAL
Comment	A TRAVEL_CARD_REFERRAL table
	includes the name or identification of
	a customer who may refer other
	customers, such as a primary travel
	card holder or a customer on a travel
	card account

Entity UPGRADE_BALANCE

55 Card of the entity UPGRADE BALANCE

Name	UPGRADE_BALANCE
Comments	An UPGRADE_BALANCE table
	includes a last known upgrade
	balance amount associated with a
	customer or travel card for a given
	date. Data may be input to this table
	automatically via an accounting
	application.

Entity UPGRADE_SAVINGS

60 Card of the entity UPGRADE_SAVINGS

Name	UPGRADE_SAVINGS
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Comment	An UPGRADE_SAVINGS table may
	be used to track how much money a
	customer or travel card has saved
	because of complimentary upgrades
	up to a given date. Data may be input
	to this table automatically, via an
	accounting application.

Entity UPGRADE_TYPE

Card of the entity UPGRADE_TYPE

5	Name	UPGRADE_TYPE
	Comment	A UPGRADE_TYPE table contains an upgrade type name.
		An UPGRADE_TYPE may have many flight legs associated
		with it. The data input to this table generally comes from
		contractor personnel.

Entity USERS

Card of the entity USERS

10	Name	USERS
	Comment	A USERS table contains a contractor personnel name, user-
		name, password and email address. A USER may have
		many customer notes, many flights, many customer cases,
		many customer actions, many aircraft watch lists, many
		aircraft saved searches, many user map configurations,
		many user parameters and one security level associated with
		it. The data input to this table generally comes from
		contractor personnel.

Entity USER_MAP_CONFIGURATION

Card of the entity USER_MAP_CONFIGURATION

Name	USER_MAP_CONFIGURATION
Comment	A USER_MAP_CONFIGURATION table is an encapsulation
	of two or more MAP_LAYER tables. In this manner, a user
	may choose layers A, B, and C as a named configuration and
	layers D, C, and E as a different one.

5 Entity USER_PARAMETERS

Card of the entity USER_PARAMETERS

Name	USER_PARAMETERS
Comment	A USER_PARAMETERS table is a table that may "inherit"
	from the GLOBAL_PARAMETERS table. Any value in the
	GLOBAL_PARAMETERS table can be over-written on a per
	user basis in the USER_PARAMETERS table.

10 Entity WEATHER_LAYER

Card of the entity WEATHER_LAYER

Name	WEATHER_LAYER
Comment	A WEATHER_LAYER table may be used to store weather
	maps and may be associated with a MAP_LAYER. Any layer
	that points to a WEATHER_LAYER is meant to exclusively
	render a weather map in that layer.

15 Entity WIND_SPEED

Card of the entity WIND_SPEED

Name	WIND_SPEED
Comment	A WIND_SPEED table may be used to perform flight
	calculations. In order to calculate the head and tail wind
	components of a flight, one needs to have wind speeds and
	directions at certain altitudes and coordinates.

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Card of the entity ZIP_CODE

Name	ZIP_CODE
Comment	A ZIP_CODE table includes zip code
	information for all the zip codes in the
	United States. The table also includes
	related information such as city, state,
	county, area code, etc.

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Each of the entities above further includes one or more attributes. For example, an AIRPORT entity may have the following attributes:

AIRPORT		
AIRPOR ID	<u>AUTO ID</u>	
AIRPOR_NAME AIRPOR_NUMBER_OF_RUNWAYS AIRPOR_LR_LENGTH AIRPOR_LR_SURFACE AIRPOR_ELEVATION AIRPOR_PUBLIC AIRPOR_LATITUDE AIRPOR_LONGITUDE AIRPOR_ABBREV AIRPOR_TOWER_NUMBER AIRPOR_FAA_CODE AIRPOR_ICAO_CODE AIRPOR_IATA_CODE AIRPOR_MAP	LONG_NAME SMALL_NUMBER SMALL_NUMBER MEDIUM_NUMBER SMALL_NUMBER BOOLEAN COORDINATE COORDINATE SHORT_NAME MEDIUM_NAME SHORT_NAME SHORT_NAME SHORT_NAME SHORT_NAME SHORT_NAME	

Examples of other tools that may be used to develop the database 120 include but are not limited to: Borland Delphi 5.0 Enterprise, Sybase PowerDesignor 7.5, Microsoft Project 2000, Microsoft Visio 2000, Microsoft Visual Sourcesafe 6.0 and Client Tools. By using these software and middleware tools, and the database 120, a flight command center application is created that enables the contractor 102 and contractor personnel (sometimes referred to herein as "users") to keep track of customers, aircraft, and aircraft service providers; find aircraft and aircraft service providers by providing real-time search criteria; price and schedule flights for customers; keep track of customer flights and flight legs; integrate flight and customer information with an accounting system; keep track of airports and airport and other travel services; keep track of all active, proposed, and landed aircraft in real-time; keep track of all reported one-way and transient aircraft; keep track of status histories; and present reports on all areas of the contractor's business.

Fig. 2 is an illustration of a graphical user interface which may be used to provide private air travel in accordance with another embodiment of the invention. The graphical user interface 200 provides a contractor 102 (or other user) with a screen 201 that will allow the contractor to find and/or enter all information for a customer including one or more credit card numbers, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, contacts (if the customer is a corporate entity) as well as information regarding the contacts, aircraft preferences, and all other preferences. Through the interface 200, the contractor may create actions that need to be taken on behalf of a customer, such as sending flight information or other travel information to or for the customer, or sending follow-up information on a particular flight. A contractor can create an action and assign it to someone else to complete, such as to contractor personnel or one or more travel service providers 109. All the users of the interface 200 (including contractor personnel and administrators) with proper security clearance can view an action task list and see tasks that are assigned to each user.

The graphical user interface 200 also includes an electronic link to a module which provides a flight entry interface (or screen) that allows a contractor or contractor personnel to create a new flight for a customer. Via the flight entry screen, the contractor may select which of the customer's credit cards to charge the flight to, calculate the cost of the flight, and schedule one or more flight legs. The contractor may also view all data related to flights the customer has scheduled with the contractor. Once a flight is created through the flight screen, it is automatically entered into a flight calender which may be displayed by a related interface. Similarly, the contractor may edit data related to a flight and save the changes to the system. The flight calender will automatically be updated in accordance with the changes. The interface includes pull down menus 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, and 207 that provide a user with electronic links to modules which provide a flight information interface, an airport locator interface, an aircraft locator interface, an administrative information interface, a finance information interface, and a reporting interface respectively.

Fig. 3 is an illustration of an aircraft locator interface for conducting a search using a search and notification module in accordance with another embodiment of the invention. The search and notification module is designed such that, by entering aircraft search criteria, contractor personnel may alleviate themselves of the burden of constantly tracking aircraft. An aircraft search can be performed in a number of modes including an "on-demand" mode and a "real-time" mode. In the real-time mode aircraft searching is performed constantly. An on-demand search executes an aircraft search at a given moment on a one time basis. (However, conducting an on-demand search does not prevent a user form saving the search criteria and re-executing the search at pre-determined intervals.) A real-time search emulates a user re-executing an on-demand search at pre-determined intervals. In this manner, a user may automatically be notified that a new aircraft which satisfies the search criteria has been located. The search criteria for an aircraft search may include: aircraft tail number; desired time frame

of the search; search categories (including flight statuses such as active, proposed, landed, one-way and transient); current position of desired aircraft, base airport location; departure airport location, destination airport location, desired aircraft type; desired aircraft features, desired ARGUS rating of aircraft; and desired aircraft range. Additionally, each of the criteria entered for the search may take one or more values. Thus, a user may select two suitable aircraft types as is shown in the embodiment of Fig. 51.

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The interface 300 of Fig. 3 enables a contractor or contractor personnel to view all data related to flight legs that need aircraft, all data related to flights that have been assigned aircraft, and all data related to flights that have been canceled for each day, each week, each month, or any other time period. The interface 300 provides an electronic link to a module which provides an interface 301 for selecting search criteria, a module which provides an interface 302 for viewing search results, a module which provides an interface 303 for creating a watch list for designating particular aircraft to be tracked, and a module which provides an interface 304 for viewing the aircraft tracked via the watch list. As noted above, the search criteria module 301 may also provide an interface 310 for searching for aircraft that have an active or proposed flight status and an interface 311 for searching for aircraft having a landed status. Each of the interfaces 310 and 311 may include a field 305 for entering a search name in order to save search results, a field 306 for entering the name of an airport in order to search for aircraft within a designated radius of the airport, a field 307 for entering the name of a location (airport, city or state) from which a particular aircraft departed, a field 308 for entering the name of a location (airport, city or state) to which a particular aircraft is scheduled to arrive, a field 309 for entering the name of a home base location for an aircraft (airport, city or state), a field 312 for entering a tail number associated with an aircraft, and a field 313 for entering a range, in miles, over which the search should be conducted. The interfaces 310 and 311 may also

provide fields 314 for designating a time frame associated with the search, fields 315 for designating one or more flight status categories associated with the search, fields 316 for designating an aircraft type associated with the search, fields 317 for designating feature associated with an aircraft or flight 317, and fields 318 for designating one or more ARGUS ratings associated with an aircraft.

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Fig. 4 is an illustration of an interface by which a user may view the results of the search conducted in accordance with module 302 of the embodiment of Fig. 3. The interface 400 includes color-coded fields for displaying a flight status 401, a tail number 402, an aircraft model number 403, an aircraft type category 404 (such as heavy jet, turbo propeller aircraft, multiple piston aircraft, etc.), the name of an airport from which an aircraft departed 405, a name of a city from which an aircraft departed 406, a name of a state from which an aircraft departed 407, a name of a destination airport 408, a name of a destination city 409, a name of a destination state 410, a base airport for an aircraft 411, the name of the city of the base airport 412 and other pertinent information. The interface 400 may also include fields for displaying the number of aircraft found by the search 413 and the number of aircraft selected via the interface 400 for further tracking 414.

Fig. 5 is an illustration of a aircraft location display interface in accordance with the embodiment of Fig. 3. The aircraft location display interface 500 displays the location of all the aircraft located using the interfaces of Figs. 3 and 4 in, for example, the form of tail numbers 501. The aircraft location display interface 500 includes a modules 503 and 504 by which a contractor or other user may choose to view the display in grid form (503) or map form (504). The aircraft display interface 500 may also include a field 505 for entering and displaying the name of a base airport for an aircraft, a field 506 for entering and displaying a geographical radius over which the search was conducted, and field for designating that labels (here in the form of tail numbers) may be shown 507 or overlapped 508. The aircraft locator display interface may also include a field 509

for displaying a number of aircraft located as a result of a search.

Fig. 6 is an illustration of airport locator display interface in accordance with the embodiment of Fig. 3. The airport locator display interface 600 is similar to the aircraft locator display interface 500 in all regards except that it is used to display the locations of airports, designed by an airport codes, for example airport codes 602, that provide connections for flights in association with a particular airport designated by the contractor. The airport locator display interface 600 includes a field 601 for entering and displaying the name of the particular airport designated by the contractor.

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Fig. 7 is an illustration of a graphical user interface for tracking one or more aircraft in accordance module 303 of Fig. 3. The interface 700 includes a field 701 for entering a layer name indicating a span of information to be tracked, a field 702 for entering a name of the person requesting the track, and a field 703 for indicating a layer type (such as "saved search" or "saved watch list"). The interface 700 may also include a field 704 for indicating the geographical layer or region over which the tracking should occur (such as major US cities, Mexico, Canada, etc.). A contractor, contractor personnel or other user may indicate one or more geographical layers or regions, for example regions indicated at 707, over which to track a flight. The interface may further include a field 705 for indicating what properties, such as properties 706, the user would like to see displayed as a result of the tracking request (such as destination airport, departure airport, base airport, active aircraft, proposed aircraft, landed aircraft, one-way aircraft, transient aircraft, labels, and course.)

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Fig. 8 is an illustration of an interface for viewing the aircraft tracked in accordance the embodiment of Fig. 7 and module **304** of Fig. 3. According to this embodiment, a contractor or other user may view one or more aircraft tracked according to information entered through the interface of Fig. 7 over a large area, such as the United States. If a user has indicated a particular geographical region,

the region will be displayed as is illustrated by Fig. 9.

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Fig. 10 is an illustration of a web page for providing a graphical user interface to a customer in accordance with another embodiment of the present invention. The graphical user interface 1000 may provide communication links to a plurality of modules, any one of which may be accessed by clicking on one of a plurality of links 1001-1016. The modules provide graphical user interfaces for among other things, displaying information related to the private air travel contractor, via links 1011-1016 and 1006-1007, including travel card information (through link 1012), and information relevant to a private air travel customer's personal account. A customer may also access information regarding flight requests through link 1017, information regarding weather reports through link 1008, and information regarding area maps via link 1009. A customer may access an airport locator through link 1010.

Additionally, a customer may access a module that provides a request interface containing fields for entering private aircraft travel request information through link 1002, and access another module that provides a payment interface by which a customer may choose a payment method or access legal information about the private air travel business through link 1005. A customer may also enter payment information through the interfaces accessed through link 1005. Other links may be included provide interfaces that will allow a customer to update his or her customer profile information, such as their contact information and catering and flight preferences. Links may also be included to provide interfaces that enable a travel card customer to quickly enter new flight requests and select origin, destination, and aircraft preferences as well as the number of passengers and catering preferences for each leg of a flight. Customers may also be provided with links that enable each customer to track an aircraft or flight. A customer may access an interface that displays frequently asked questions and the answers to those questions through link 1004.

The interface 1000 may also include an aircraft service provider login to the contractor's system through link 1003. Via this link, an interface may be provided to enable an aircraft service provider to update the aircraft service provider's profile information and enter future open flight legs and transient flights which will then be immediately available to contractor personnel. Link 1001 may provide access to an interface that includes further information about private air travel.

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Fig. 11 is an illustration of a travel card in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention. A travel card 1100 includes a first face 1110 including an identification number 1101 thereon for identifying a customer authorized to use the travel card 1100 and a designation 1102 representing a pre-purchased allotment of aircraft service. The designation 1102 may be in the form of a color, such as gold or platinum, or as shown here, it may be embossed on the first face 1110 of card as is the contractor's name 1103. The card 1100 may also include, on the first face 1110 or on a second face (not shown) a designation representing a discount rate for private aircraft service or a designation representing a predetermined number of private aircraft service upgrades that are redeemable at the option of the customer. The first face 1110 or second face may also include a magnetic strip that enables the card to be read by a magnetic strip reader. In a related embodiment, the card 1100 may also include a processor and memory 1104 (generally disposed between the first face 1110 and the second face).

In one embodiment, the memory of the travel card **1100** may retain data pertinent to the customer's private aircraft service preferences, such as entertainment preferences, dining preferences, aircraft preferences, post-flight travel preferences (including hotel accommodations, car rentals, etc.) and preflight travel preferences and accommodations (including flight insurance, limo service, etc.). The memory may also retain data pertinent to the customer's medical preferences, including the name of a preferred primary care practitioner

or hospital and treatments. In related embodiments, the processor may include program code for establishing a communication link to a computer network when the code is read by a computer on an aircraft, in a car, at home or in a hotel room. The communication may include an electronic link to the Internet, or an electronic link to a private air travel service contractor via the Internet or other network.

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Fig. 12 is a flow chart illustrating a method for providing private air travel in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention. A contractor establishes 1201 a pool of aircraft service providers such as Air Voyager, Jet Corp, East Coast Jets, Air Management, Empire, and others. Though the pool of aircraft service providers may be limitless, it is preferred to direct most private air travel requests to a smaller subset of preferred aircraft service providers within the pool. This insures maximum customer satisfaction in that the aircraft service provider service is known to be reliable and safe. One or more aircraft service requests are obtained 1202 from one or more customers. The customer supplies certain specified parameters such as destination, aircraft type, preferred time of arrival, catering requirements, and entertainment preferences (e.g., music the customer would like to listen to on the flight, movies the customer would like to watch on the flight, reading material the customer would like to have on the flight), etc. An aircraft is selected 1203 from the pool of aircraft service providers in accordance with the parameters supplied by the customer. The aircraft is matched 1204 to the aircraft service request for the performance of the request in a manner that minimizes the occurrence to passenger-less flights as described in greater detail above.

Fig. 13 is a flow chart illustrating the method of Fig. 12 detailing pre-flight procedures. A customer request is received **1301** by the contractor through any communication medium. The request may come via a graphical user interface, such as a web page, via a facsimile machine, via e-mail, via a telephone or via the customer's personal appearance at the contractor's place of business. If the customer is a travel card program participant, the customer will have been

provided with a pre-purchased allotment of private air travel and customer specific flight itineraries will be obtained **1302** from the database **120** and updated if necessary.

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As discussed above with respect to Fig. 11, as a member of the travel card program the customer may pre-purchase allotments of private air travel having several different values. For example, the customer may pre-purchase \$100,000 of private air travel, \$250,000 of private air travel, or \$500,000 of private air travel. These three different allotment values may correspond to a travel card that is silver, gold and platinum respectively. Further, by participating in the travel card program the customer may be guaranteed pre-determined hour flight discount rates which are dependent upon the allotment value. The flight discount rates may be determined by the type of aircraft the customer prefers, i.e., a light weight aircraft may have one hourly rate associated with it, a mid-size aircraft may have a third discount rate associated with it.

Further, a customer may be guaranteed a predetermined number of flight upgrades which may also be determined by the value of the pre-purchased allotment. Similarly, by participating the travel card program, a customer may be guaranteed a pre-determined number of frequent flyer upgrades and a dedicated customer service representative, both of which may be determined by the value of the pre-purchased allotment of private air travel. The guaranteed hourly flight rate discounts, the pre-determined flight upgrades, the frequent flyer upgrades, and the identification of the dedicated customer service representative may be indicated on a first or second face of the travel card in the manner discussed above. Additionally, the discounts, upgrades and dedicated customer service representative identification may be indicated by information read by a magnetic strip reader, or by information stored in a processor and memory which may be included with the travel card. If the customer is not a travel card program participant, customer specific flight itineraries are obtained 1310 from the

customer and entered into the database 120.

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The contractor will execute a comprehensive search 1303 to find a suitable aircraft that might be available to make the trip. The contractor may focus on finding an aircraft that would have made the trip to the customer's preferred destination without passengers or an aircraft that may be sitting idle at the customer's preferred boarding location. The contractor also focuses on finding aircraft and aircraft service providers that have good safety and maintenance records. Additionally, the contractor will consider the aircraft size, the aircraft's comfort, entertainment and engineering features, the aircraft's passenger capacity, and the aircraft's flight range.

A quote based on the customer's requested itinerary (e.g. type of aircraft, entertainment preferences, etc.) is generated 1304 and delivered 1305 to the customer. The quote is generated using a software package, such as NAVPAK, and the contractor's in-house expertise. The customer can reject the quote, accept the quote, or reject the quote and alter the itinerary. When the quote has been accepted, appropriate aircraft is selected 1306 from one or more alternative aircraft service providers. The aircraft is selected with respect to satisfying mission parameters such as the requested itinerary and price, as well as availability of aircraft.

The contractor then secures 1307 the selected aircraft for the flight. This is accomplished by receiving a confirmation from the aircraft service provider that the aircraft is designated for the flight, and may also include a confirmation that the aircraft and/or flight has been insured. If the customer is not participating in a travel card program provided by the contractor, then the customer's personal preferences (itineraries) are also secured in process 1307. Finally, a summary of the flight mission is sent 1308 to the aircraft service provider.

Fig. 14 is a flow chart illustrating the method of Fig. 12 detailing post-flight procedures. The aircraft service provider performs the entire flight mission using

the specified aircraft (including flight operations, catering, and aircraft maintenance.) Following performance of the flight mission, an appropriate receivable is generated **1401** in an accounting system. If the customer is participating in the travel card program, the value of the flight mission is debited **1402** from the pre-purchase allotment of private air travel that the customer's card indicates. If not, an invoice may be sent to the customer or a credit card may be charged **1403** directly. An appropriate payable is also generated **1404** to the aircraft service provider and a summary flight status report is obtained **1405**. Payment to the aircraft service provider is facilitated **1406** based on the flight status report and a satisfaction survey form is generated **1407** and sent to the customer.

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Figs. 15-52 are graphical user interfaces that may be used in conjunction with a computer based flight center command module in accordance with one embodiment of the invention. Many of the interfaces illustrated in Figs. 15-52 have been provided with annotations, and are generally self-explanatory. These interfaces provide a contractor, contractor personnel or other user with means for accessing the entities of the database described with respect to Fig.1 as well as their related attributes.

Figs. 15-21 are illustrations showing interfaces by which a user may login to the private aircraft contractor's system and navigate through the command center application. Fig. 15 is an illustration showing login icon and Fig. 16 is an illustration showing a login interface by which a user may login into the command center application by providing a password. The user may also designate a database of the system he or she wishes to access. Fig. 17 shows an interface by which a user may change his or her password and update the new password in the system. Fig. 18 is an illustration showing a command center application menu of the flight command center module. Via this menu, a user may access customer and flight information, locate airports and planes, create reports and access financing and accounting information. Fig. 19 illustrates

navigation bars which may be used throughout the command center application. Figs. 20-21 are illustrations showing view and help pull down menus associated with the interface of Fig. 18 and particular to the command center application.

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Fig. 22 is an illustration showing a customer information pull down menu associated with the interface of Fig. 18 by which a user may access customer information, travel card information and conduct a customer search. By clicking on "customer" a user is given access to a customer information interface, as shown in Fig. 23. Through the interface of Fig. 23, a user may add and edit information related to one or more customers. By clicking on "customer search" in Fig. 22, a user is given access to a customer search interface, shown in Fig. 24. The interface of Fig. 24 enables a user to search for a customer by name, business name, telephone number, customer type, or prospect rating. Double clicking on any name displayed in accordance with the search result will link the user to the individual customer's information profile as shown in Fig. 23. Through the interface of Fig. 25, a user may add or edit a customer action as well as record notes related to the action. The user may also print a letter to be sent to contractor personnel, aircraft service providers, or the customers. Similarly, a user may print label for the action. Fig. 26 shows an interface by which actions for all customers may be viewed. By double clicking on any row, a user may view the details of the customer action.

Fig. 27 is an illustration of an interface by which a user may input to the database a customer preferences (including a customer's preferred jet, airport, flying times, mode of ground transportation or and catering needs or desires.)

Fig. 28 shows a customer references interface whereby a user may assign a current customer as a reference for new customers to provide the new customer or customers with insights into the contractor's service.

Fig. 29 is an illustration showing a complimentary upgrade report by which a user may upgrade customer's aircraft. A customer's aircraft may be upgraded from a light jet to a medium or heavy jet. From a turbo propeller plane

to a jet, etc. Double clicking on a customer name will electronically link a user to a customer information interface by which the user may view and edit customer information through another interface (such as the interface shown in Fig. 23. Double clicking on a flight ID will electronically link the user to a flight information interface by which the user may view and edit flight information through another interface, such as that shown in Fig. 45.

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Fig. 30 is an illustration showing an pull down menu associated with the interface of Fig. 18 by which a user may print, view or refresh information related to travel cards. Fig. 31 shows a travel card information interface by which a user may add and edit a customer's travel card details and travel card account history. By this interface a user may add and delete new customers for a particular travel card and create a new travel card for a customer. Fig. 32 is an illustration showing a travel card/customer balance information interface, and Fig. 33 shows a travel card referral interface by which a user may add new travel card referrals, record comments from customers regarding a referral, and record contractor personnel notes regarding the referrals.

Figs. 34-36 are illustrations showing interfaces by which a user may input to the database information related to an aircraft, including a picture of the aircraft and customer or contractor personnel feedback concerning the aircraft. Fig. 37 is an illustration showing an aircraft search interface by which a user may access a search and notification module associated with the flight command module and find an aircraft by city, state, country, phone number, or aircraft service provider name. The interface also provides electronic links to an aircraft information page that includes detailed information about that aircraft. The aircraft information page is created using the interface shown in Fig. 34. Fig. 38 shows an interface by which a user may view aircraft search results. Again, by clicking on any row, the user will gain access to more detailed information regarding the aircraft and flight.

Fig. 39 is an illustration showing an airport information interface by which

a user may input to the database information related to an airport. A user may also view the information related to an airport, including all the known travel services associated with an airport. Fig. 40 is an illustration showing an airport locator interface by which a user may view airport information input to the database in accordance with a map display.

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Fig. 41 is an illustration of an interface by which a user may input and edit information related to an aircraft service provider, including the aircraft service provider's name or company name, address and phone number, as well as types of planes the aircraft service provider can provide. A user may also record notes about an aircraft service provider through the interface of Fig. 41, and view the aircraft service provider's ARGUS rating, certification status and certification number. A user may also view information regarding pilots employed or contracted by the aircraft service provider. Fig. 42 shows an aircraft service provider search interface by which a user may search for a carrier by name, city, state, country, or phone number. Search results are also displayed to the user via the interface of Fig. 42, and as was the case with respect to the customer and aircraft search interfaces, double clicking on any row of the search result display will give the user access to the aircraft service provider information interface of Fig. 41 for more detailed information.

Fig. 43 is an illustration showing an address/city selection interface by which a user may find a city, country, or state by name or zip code associated with a customer, carrier, airport or aircraft.

Fig. 44 is an illustration of a flight information pull down menu associated with the interface of Fig. 18. Via this pull down menu, a user may gain access to a flight calender, as shown in Figs. 47-50, a flight worksheet for recording and editing flight information, as shown in Fig. 45, a flight calculator, or a flight report as shown in Fig. 46. Via the flight report interface of Fig. 46, a user may view all flight requests received, quoted, in progress, completed, and canceled including the flight ID, request date, flight start date, and name of the contractor employee

that recorded the request. Double clicking on any field will electronically link the user to an interface whereby the user may view and modify the details of the flight (such as the through the flight worksheet interface shown in Fig. 45.)

Figs. 47-50 are illustrations showing month, day, grid and week views of a flight calendar interface respectively. By double clicking on any entry in the flight calender, a user will gain access to an interface containing more detailed information about that flight or flight leg. Fig. 51 is an illustration showing a flight calendar filter interface by which a user may filtering the flight legs shown in the month, day, grid and week views. Fig. 52 illustrates an option menu by which a user may print views of the calendar, hide flight legs so that they will not be seen in a calendar view, refresh the calendar to show recently added or modified flights, and add non-flight events to the calendar.

Although the embodiments hereinbefore described are preferred, many modifications and refinements which do not depart from the true spirit and scope of the invention may be conceived by those skilled in the art. It is intended that all such modifications, including but not limited to those set forth above, be covered by the following claims.

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What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing private air travel to a customer, the method comprising:

establishing a pool of aircraft service providers;

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obtaining aircraft service requests from a plurality of customers, each aircraft service request containing a set of customer-specified parameters;

selecting from the pool of aircraft service providers one or more aircraft that conform to each set of customer-specified parameters; and

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matching aircraft to the aircraft service requests in accordance with the customer-specified parameters in a manner that minimizes the occurrence of passenger-less flights.

- 2. A method according to claim 1, further comprising receiving confirmation from an aircraft service carrier of the availability of aircraft for the aircraft service request.
 - 3. A method according to claim 1, wherein the aircraft service requests are obtained through a web page.
 - 4. A method according to claim 1, further comprising providing a travel card to one or more of the customers wherein the travel card represents prepurchased amount of private aircraft service.
 - 5. A method according to claim 4, wherein the travel card provides access to a private air travel contractor.
 - 6. A method according to claim 1, further comprising responding to an aircraft service request within a guaranteed time interval.
- 25 7. A travel card for providing private air travel to a customer, the travel card comprising a first face and a second face, the first face including thereon an identification number for identifying a customer authorized to use the travel card and a designation representing a pre-purchased allotment of

private aircraft service.

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- 8. A travel card according to claim 7, wherein the first face or the second face includes thereon a designation representing a pre-determined number of private aircraft service flight upgrades that are redeemable at the option of the customer.
- 9. A travel card according to claim 7, wherein the first face or the second face includes thereon a magnetic strip that enables the card to be read by a magnetic strip reader.
- 10. A travel card according to claim 7, further comprising a processor and a memory disposed between the first face and the second face.
 - 11. A travel card according to claim 10, wherein the memory retains data pertinent to the customer's private aircraft service preferences.
 - 12. A travel card according to claim 10, wherein the memory retains data pertinent to the customer's medical preferences.
- 13. A travel card according to claim 10, wherein the memory retains data pertinent to the customer's medical conditions.
 - 14. A travel card according to claim 11, wherein the data includes a record of the customer's entertainment preferences.
- 15. A travel card according to claim 11, wherein the data includes a record of the customer's dining preferences.
 - 16. A travel card according to claim 10, wherein the memory retains data pertinent to the customer's post-flight travel preferences.
 - 17. A travel card according to claim 10, wherein the memory retains data pertinent to the customer's pre-flight travel preferences.
- 25 18. A travel card according to claim 10, wherein the processor includes program code for establishing a communication link to a computer network when the program code is read by a computer.
 - 19. A travel card according to claim 18, wherein the network is the Internet.

20. A travel card according to claim 18, wherein the network provides a communication link to a private air travel contractor.

21. A graphical user interface for providing private air travel to a customer, the graphical user interface comprising:

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a request module, the request module providing a request interface containing fields for the customer to enter private aircraft travel request information;

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a selection module, the selection module providing a selection interface for displaying to the customer information regarding availability of aircraft satisfying the customer's travel requests information and permitting the customer to select an aircraft; and

a payment module, the payment module providing a payment interface containing fields for the customer to enter private aircraft travel payment information.

- 15 22. A graphical user interface according to claim 21, further comprising:

 a tracking module, the tracking module providing a tracking
 interface for displaying information regarding a flight status to the
 customer.
- 23. A graphical user interface according to claim 21, further comprising:

 an account module, the account module providing an account interface for displaying information relevant to the private air travel customer's personal account.
 - 24. A graphical user interface according to claim 21, wherein the payment interface contains a field for entering a payment method.
- 25. A graphical user interface according to claim 21, wherein the payment interface contains a field for entering a credit card number.
 - 26. A graphical user interface according to claim 21, wherein the payment

- interface contains a field for entering a travel card number.
- 27. A graphical user interface according to claim 21, wherein the payment interface contains a field for entering a checking account number and a field for entering a check number.
- 5 28. A graphical user interface according to claim 23, wherein the account interface displays an account balance.
 - 29. A graphical user interface according to claim 23, wherein the account interface displays an itemization of account activity.
 - 30. A graphical user interface according to claim 21, wherein the selection interface displays a selection of aircraft.

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- 31. A graphical user interface according to claim 21, wherein the selection interface displays a selection of flight times.
- 32. A graphical user interface according to claim 21, wherein the graphical user interface is accessed through a web page.
- 15 33. A graphical user interface for providing private air travel to a plurality of customer, the graphical user interface comprising:

a search module, the search module providing an interface whereby a user may locate, in substantially real time, an aircraft that satisfies travel requirements of each customer; and

- a tracking module, the tracking module providing an interface whereby the user may track the flight progress of one or more aircraft that may satisfy travel requirements of each customer.
 - 34. A graphical user interface according to claim 33, wherein the tracking module displays information related to an aircraft's registration number.
- 25 35. A graphical user interface according to claim 33, wherein the tracking module displays information regarding an aircraft's speed.

36. A graphical user interface according to claim 33, wherein the tracking module displays information regarding an aircraft's make and model.

- 37. A graphical user interface according to claim 33, wherein the tracking module displays information regarding an aircraft's altitude.
- 5 38. A graphical user interface according to claim 33, wherein the tracking interface displays information regarding an aircraft's position.
 - 39. A graphical user interface according to claim 33, wherein the tracking interface displays information regarding an aircraft's destination.
- 40. A graphical user interface according to claim 33, wherein the tracking interface displays information regarding an aircraft's estimated time of arrival.
 - 41. A graphical user interface according to claim 33, wherein the tracking interface displays information regarding an aircraft's origin.
- 42. A graphical user interface according to claim 33, wherein the tracking

 interface displays a location of at least one airport at which the aircraft may land.
 - 43. A graphical user interface according to claim 33, further comprising:

 a flight entry module, the flight entry module providing an interface containing fields whereby the user may create a flight for each customer, the flight entry module generating an interface for displaying a calender of updated flights in accordance with the entry of each flight created.

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- 44. A graphical user interface according to claim 33, further comprising:

 a flight information module, the flight information module
 providing an interface for displaying to the user information regarding
 aircraft availability.
- 45. A graphical user interface according to claim 33, further comprising: a payment module, the payment module providing a payment

interface containing fields whereby the user may enter customer payment information.

- 46. A graphical user interface according to claim 33, further comprising:

 a report module, the report module providing an interface whereby
 a user may generate a flight report.
- 47. A graphical user interface according to claim 33, wherein the tracking module provides an interface wherein a user may create a watch list for tracking one or more aircraft.
- 48. A system for providing private air travel to a customer, the system comprising:

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means for communicating with a plurality of aircraft service providers, the aircraft service providers supplying a plurality of aircraft types from a plurality of locations; and

means for communicating with a plurality of customers, each of the customers providing an itinerary for private air travel, such that at least one aircraft from the plurality of aircraft service providers is matched to the itinerary in a manner that minimizes the occurrence of passenger-less flights.

49. A system according to claim 48, further comprising means for communicating with a database, the database providing, under corresponding program control:

data pertinent to active flights;
data pertinent to proposed flights;
data pertinent to landed flights;
data pertinent to one-way flights; and
data pertinent to transient flights.

50. A system according to claim 49, wherein the database further provides:

data pertinent to aircraft types; data pertinent to aircraft safety;

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- 51. A system according to claim 49, wherein the database further provides:

 data pertinent to aircraft service providers; and

 data pertinent to aircraft service provider safety.
- 52. A system according to claim 49, wherein the database further provides:

 data pertinent to pilot safety histories;

 data pertinent to pilot training histories.
- 53. A system according to claim 49, wherein the database further provides
 10 data pertinent to travel service providers.
 - 54. A system according to claim 49, wherein the database further provides data pertinent to each of the customers.
 - 55. A system according to claim 48, further comprising means for communicating with at least one satellite dish, the satellite dish providing data to the database.
 - 56. A system according to claim 48, further comprising means for communicating with a network, the network providing data to the database.
- 57. A system according to claim 48, wherein the means for communicating with the plurality of customers includes means for communicating with one or more travel cards, each travel card having a processor and a memory.
 - 58. A system according to claim 57, wherein each travel card provides access to a plurality of car rental services.
- 25 59. A system according to claim 57, wherein each travel card provides access to a plurality of innkeepers.
 - 60. A computer program product for providing a database for providing

private air travel to a customer, the computer program product comprising a computer readable medium having computer code thereon, the computer code comprising:

program code for receiving data regarding aircraft provided by at least one satellite dish and at least one computer network; and

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program code for storing the data provided by the satellite dish and the computer network.

61. A computer program product according to claim 60, further comprising:

program code for establishing communication with a plurality of
aircraft service providers and receiving data from the aircraft service
providers; and

program code for establishing communication with a plurality of customers and receiving data from each of the customers such that data received from each customer may be compared to data received from the aircraft service providers, the satellite dish and the network to provide a flight to each customer.

- 62. A computer program product according to claim 60, further comprising program code for comparing the data stored in the database with the data received from the satellite dish, the computer network, the aircraft service providers and the customers in order to update the database.
- 63. A computer program product according to claim 60, further comprising program code for providing an graphical user interface by which a user may provide private air travel to each customer, the interface providing an electronic link to:

a module for recording information corresponding to each customer's flight preferences;

a module for enabling the user to search for an aircraft satisfying the

customer's flight preferences; and

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a module for enabling the user to search for an airport satisfying each customer's flight preferences.

- 64. A computer program product according to claim 63, wherein the interface further provides an electronic link to a module for enabling the user to record each customer's catering preferences.
 - 65. A computer program product according to claim 63, wherein the interface further provides an electronic link to:

a module for accessing and editing each customer's records;
a module for accessing and editing a plurality of aircraft service
provider's records, wherein each aircraft service provider provides one or
more aircraft; and

a module for accessing and editing aircraft records.

- 66. A computer program product according to claim 63, wherein the interface further provides and electronic link to a module that provides a geographical view of a location of an aircraft.
 - 67. A computer program product according to claim 63, wherein the interface further provides an electronic link to a module that provides a geographical view of a location of an airport.
- 20 68. A computer program product according to claim 63, further comprising program code for tracking the course of an aircraft over time.
 - 69. A computer program product according to claim 63, further comprising program code for providing a graphical user interface by which a user may input criteria corresponding to a tracking request.
- 25 70. A computer program product according to claim 63, further comprising program code for providing a graphical user interface by which each customer may enter a private air travel request.

71. A method for providing private air travel to a plurality of customers, the method comprising:

receiving data relevant to a plurality of aircraft owned by a plurality of aircraft service providers, via a first communication link;

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receiving data relevant to a plurality of customer service requests via a second communication link;

saving the data received from the first and second communication links to a storage medium;

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analyzing the data saved to match at least one aircraft to each customer service request in a manner that minimizes the occurrence of passenger-less flights.

- 72. A method according to claim 71, wherein the data relevant to the plurality of aircraft is received substantially in real time.
- 73. A method according to claim 71, wherein the data relevant to the plurality of aircraft is received from a satellite dish.
- 74. A method according to claim 71, wherein the data relevant to the plurality of aircraft is received from a computer network.
- 75. A method according to claim 71, wherein the storage medium is a database that, under corresponding program control, analyzes the data saved to match at least one aircraft to each customer service request in a manner that minimizes the occurrence of passenger-less flights.
- 76. A method for providing travel services including private air travel to a plurality of customers, the method comprising:

providing a pre-purchased allotment of private air travel to one or more of the customers;

receiving a travel service request from each customer, the travel service request including customer-specified flight parameters;

providing an aircraft that satisfies the customer-specified flight parameters for each customer's travel service; and

debiting the value of the travel service from the pre-purchased allotment of private air travel for each customer that is provided with the pre-purchased allotment.

77. A method according to claim 76, wherein providing a pre-purchased allotment of private air travel includes providing a travel card to a customer, the travel card having a first face and a second face, wherein the first or second face includes thereon a designation indicating the pre-purchased allotment of private air travel.

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- 78. A method according to claim 76, wherein providing a pre-purchased allotment of private air travel includes providing a pre-determined number of flight upgrades that are redeemable at the option of the customer.
- 15 79. A method according to claim 76, wherein providing a pre-purchased allotment of private air travel includes providing a pre-determined number of frequent flyer upgrades that are redeemable at the option of the customer.
 - 80. A method according to claim 76, wherein providing a pre-purchased allotment of private air travel includes providing a dedicated customer service representative.
 - 81. A method according to claim 77, wherein the first or second face of the travel card includes thereon a designation indicating a pre-determined number of flight upgrades that are redeemable at the option of the customer.
 - 82. A method according to claim 77, where the first or second face of the travel card includes thereon a designation indicating a pre-determined number of frequent flyer upgrades that are redeemable at the option of the customer.

83. A method according to claim 77, wherein the first of second face of the travel card includes thereon a designation indicating identification of a dedicated customer service representative.

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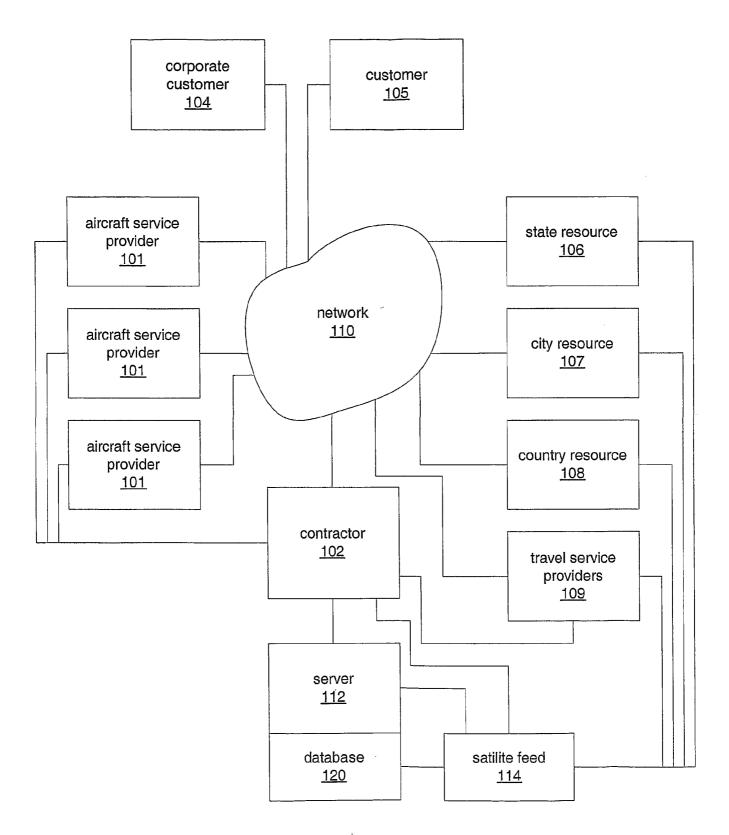


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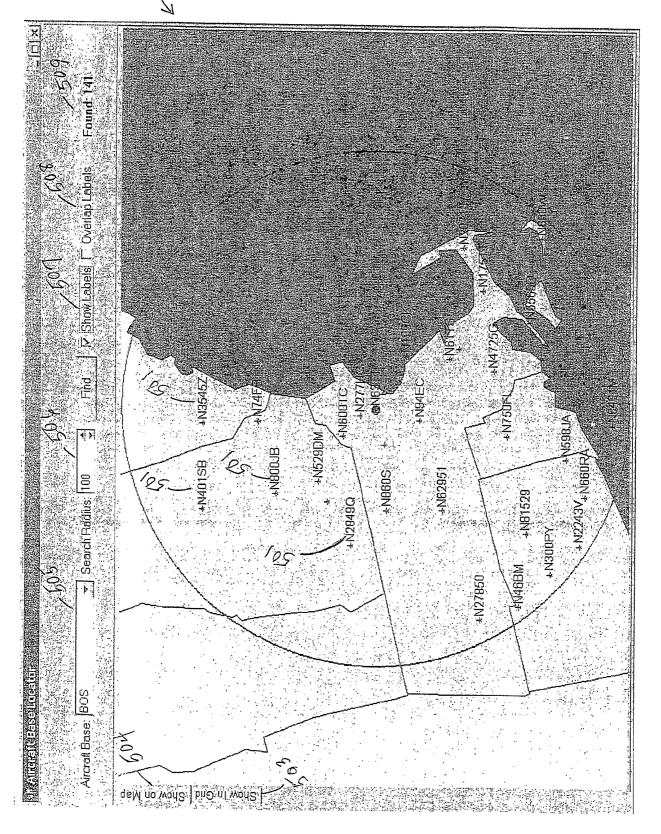
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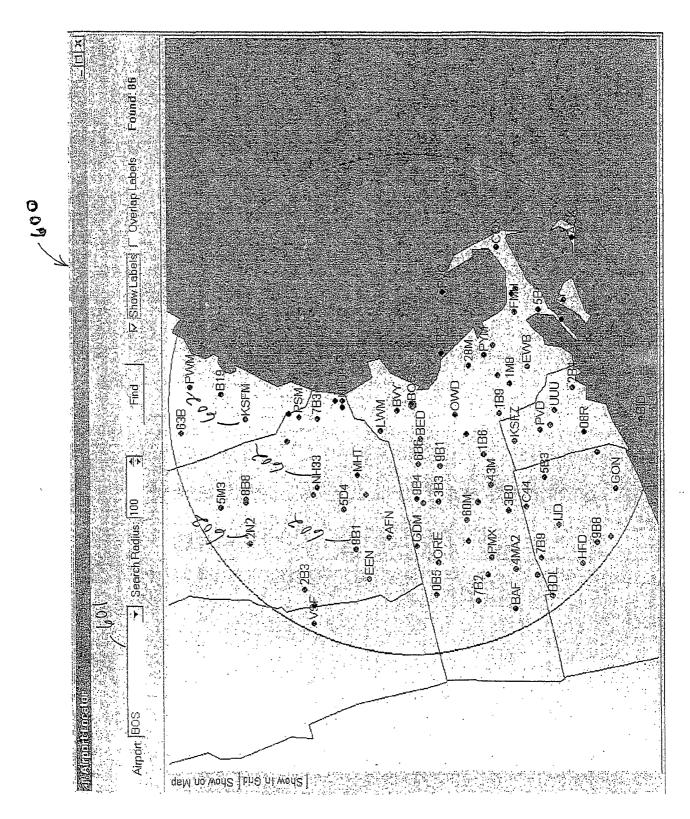
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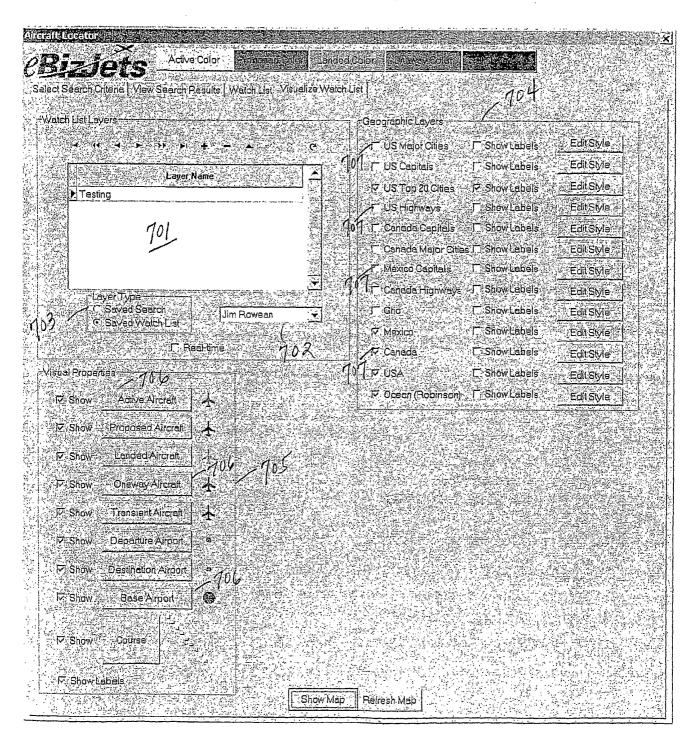




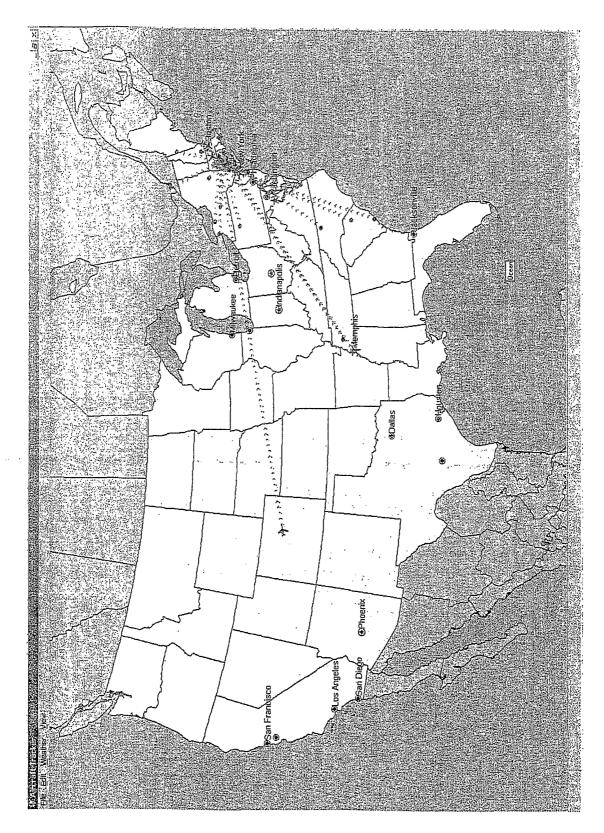


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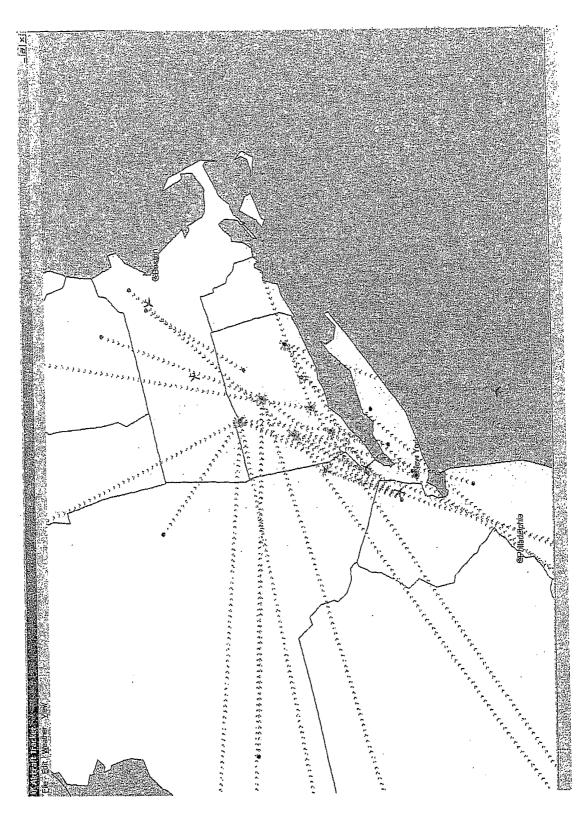


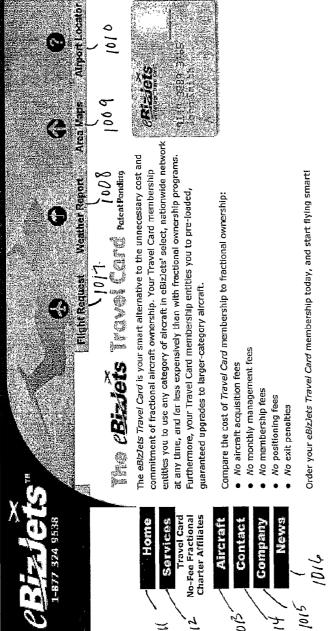






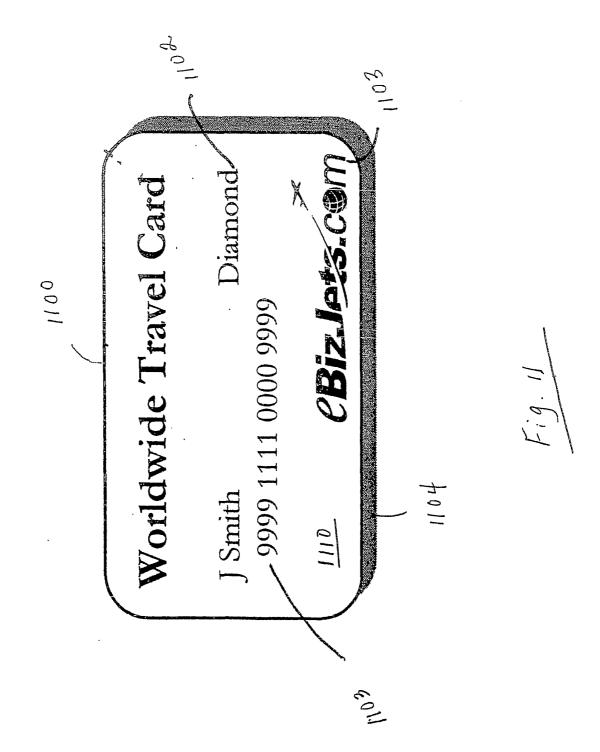






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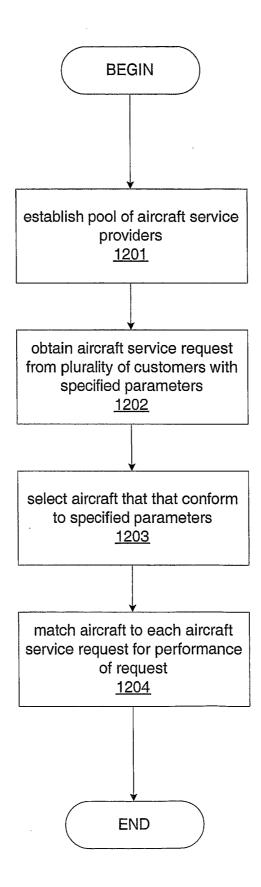
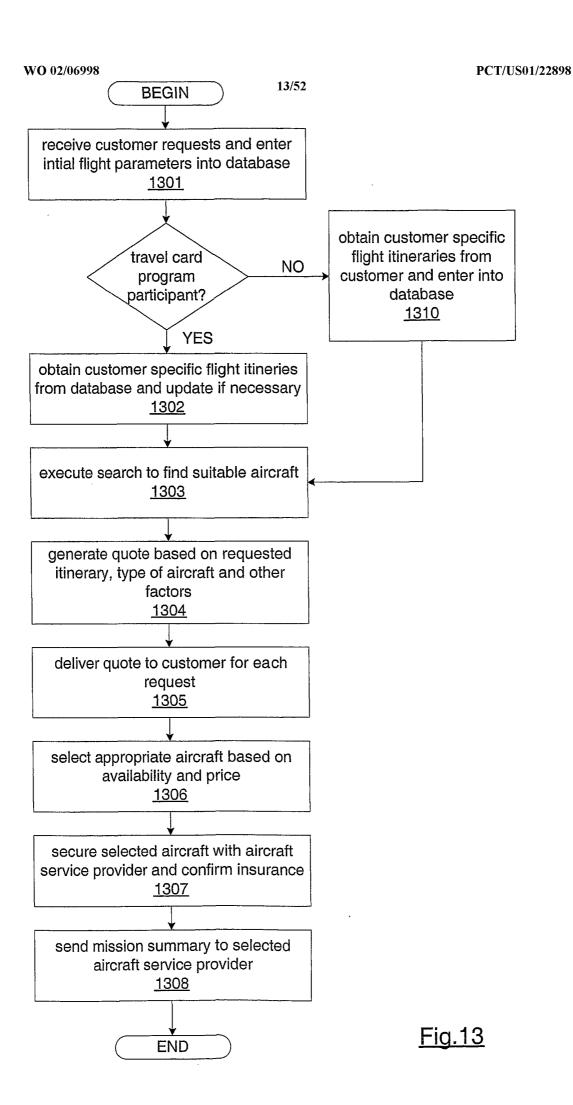


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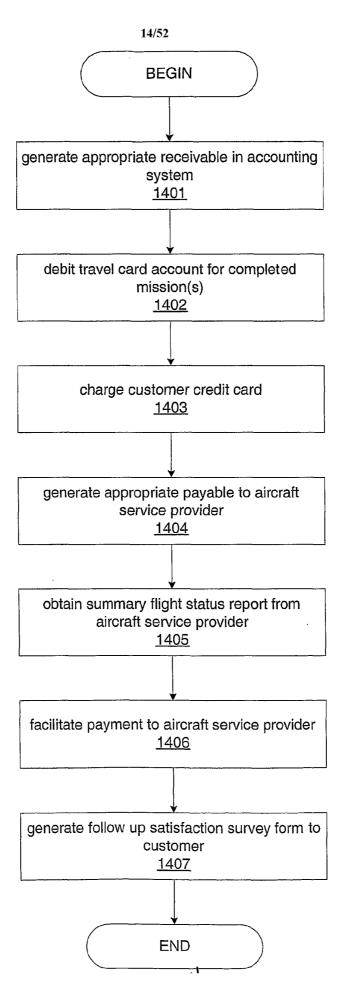
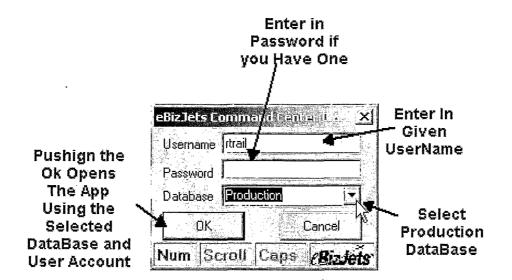
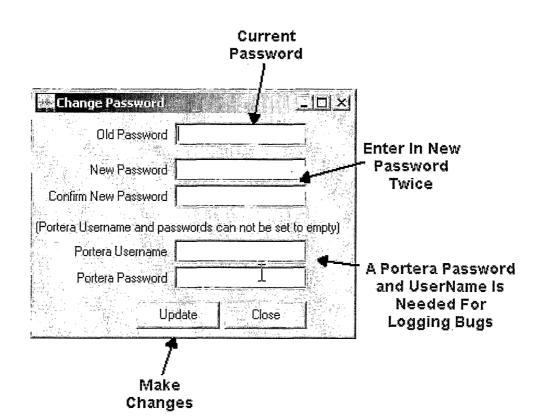
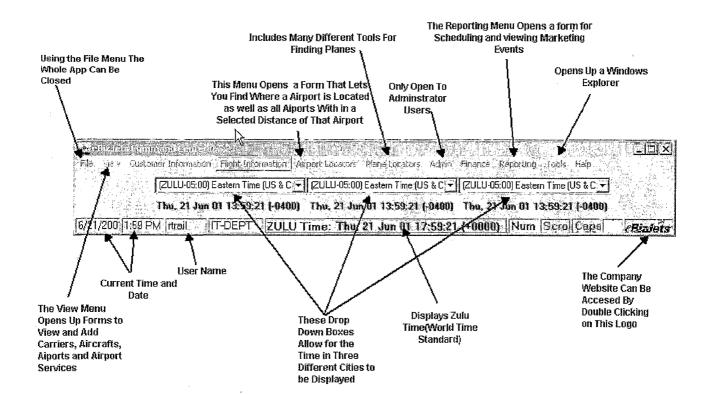


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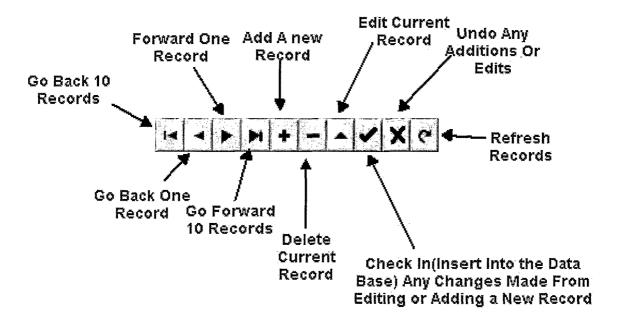


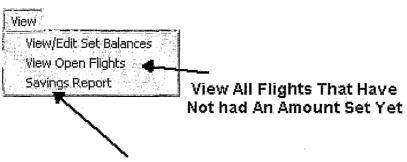




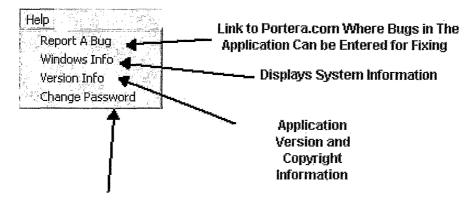
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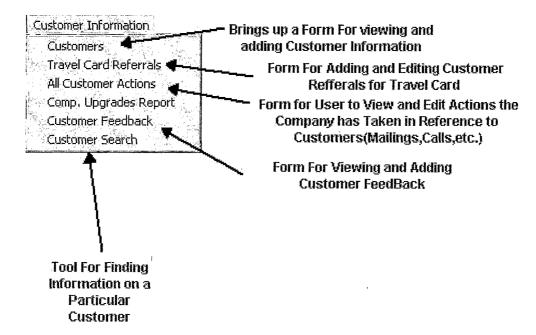




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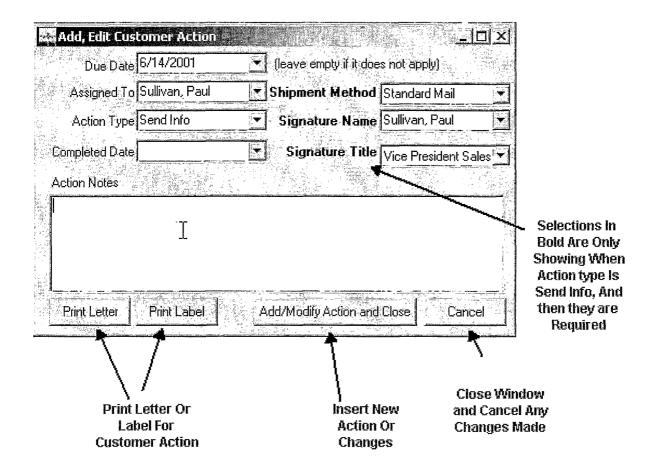
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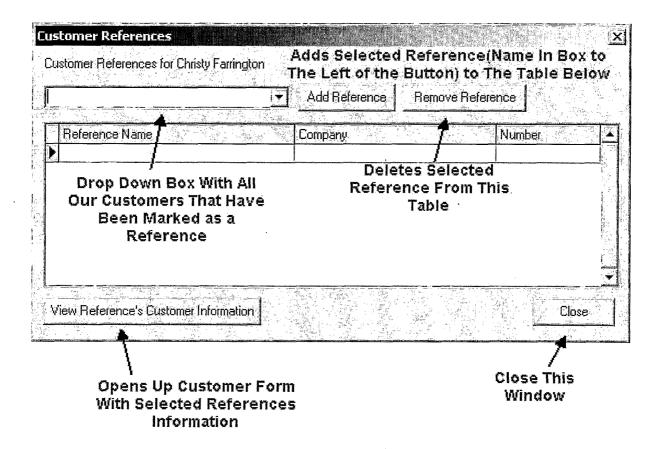
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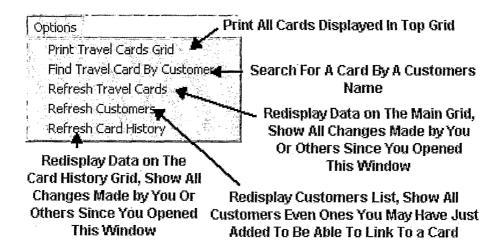
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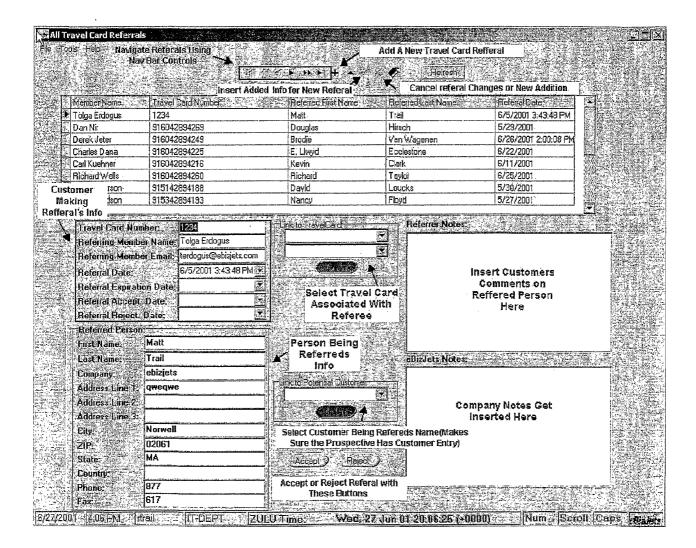
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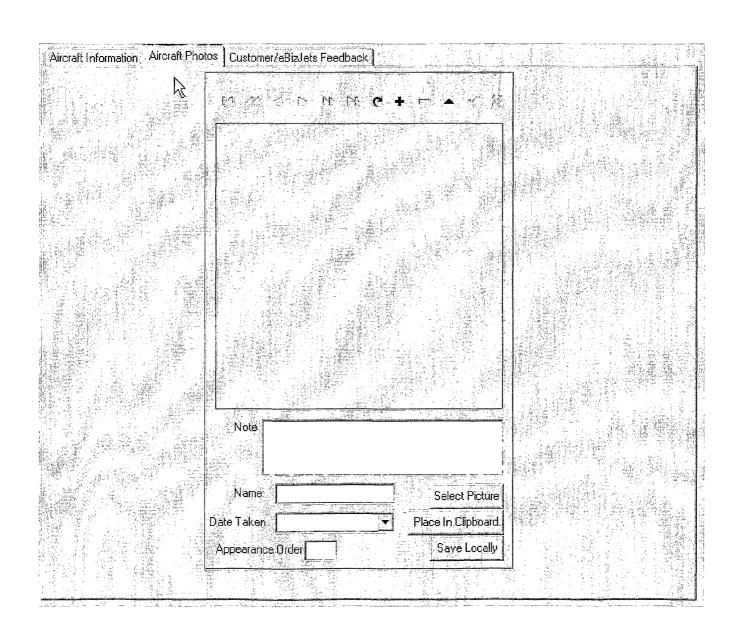
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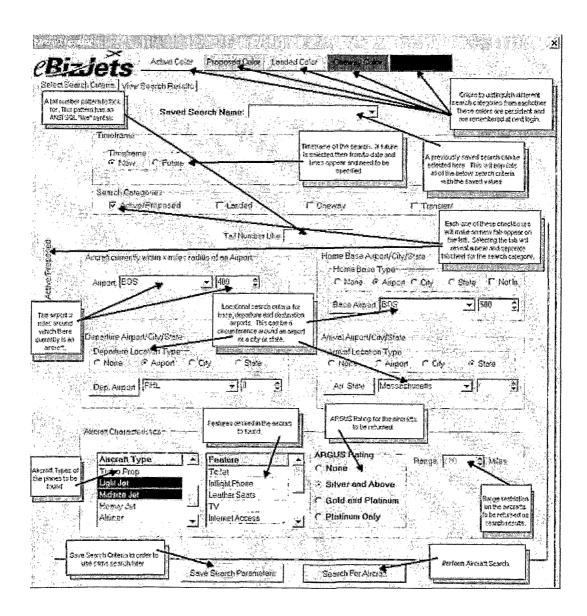
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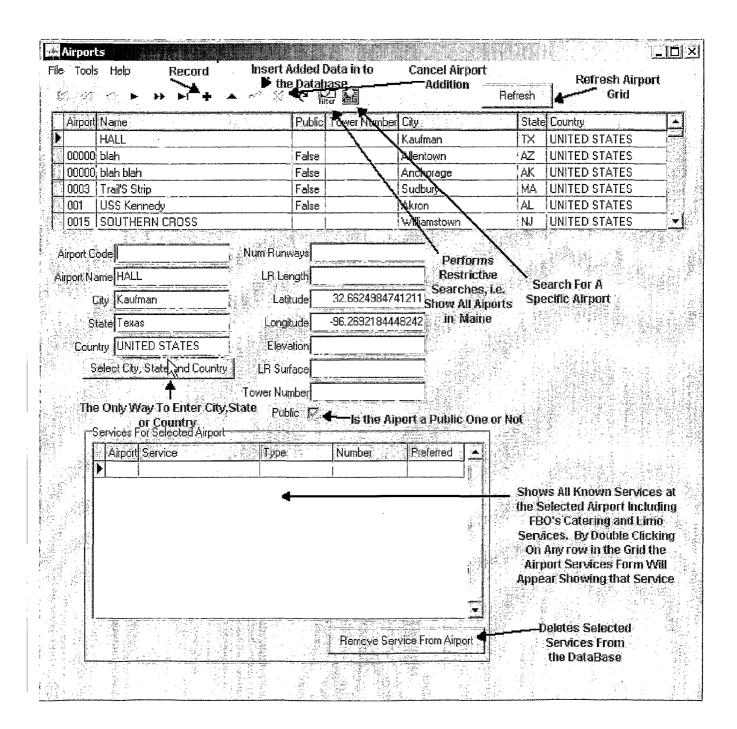
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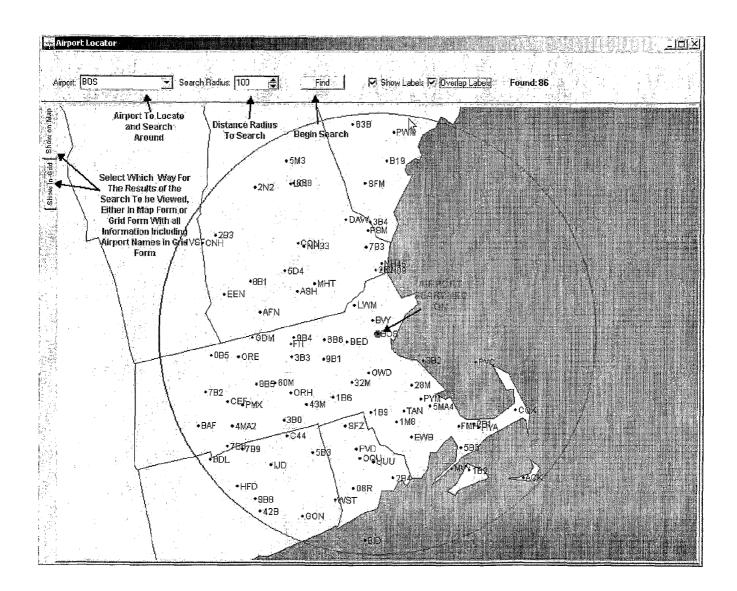


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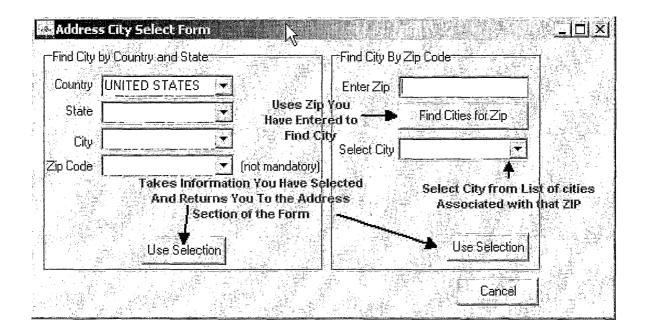


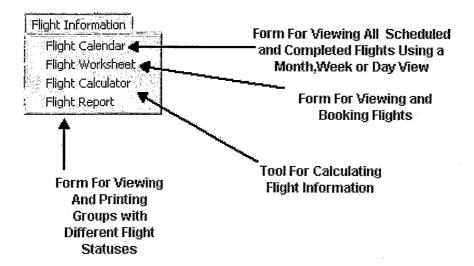


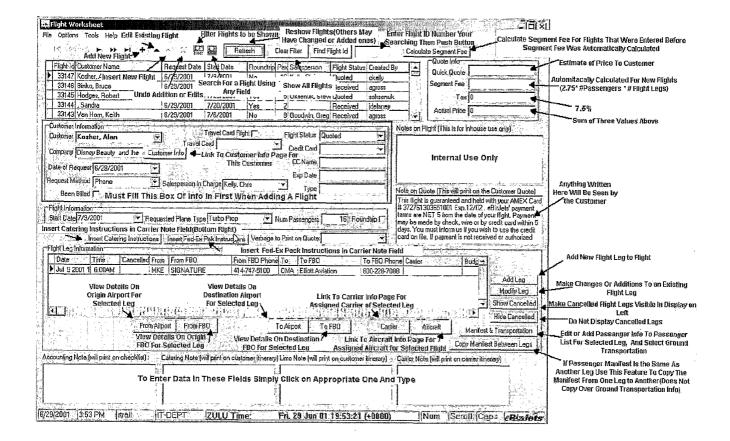
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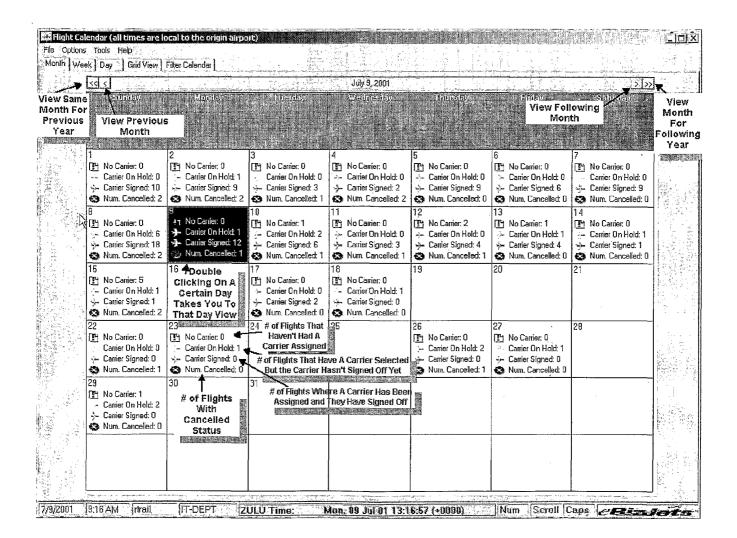
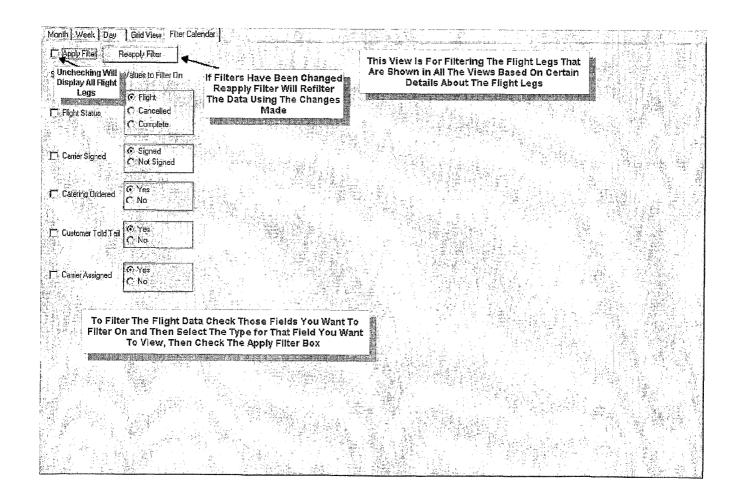


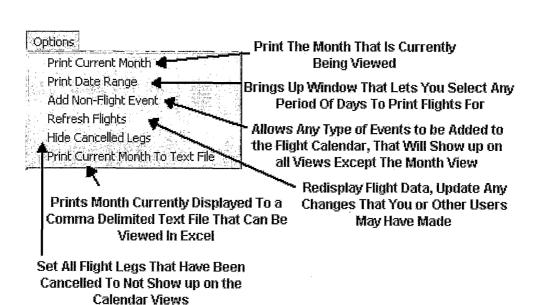
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The subject-matter claimed in claims 1 to 6 and 71 to 83 falls under the provisions of Article 17(2)(a)(i) and Rule 39.1(iii) PCT, such subject-matter relating to a method of doing business. Claims 7 to 70 relate to commonplace technological features for performing the business method of the method claims. Although these claims do not literally belong to the method category, they essentially claim protection for the same commercial effect as the method claims. With reference to the Guidelines, B-VIII, points 1-6, the International Searching Authority considers that searching such commercial features would serve no useful purpose. This applies to the remaining commonplace technological features of these claims as well.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.